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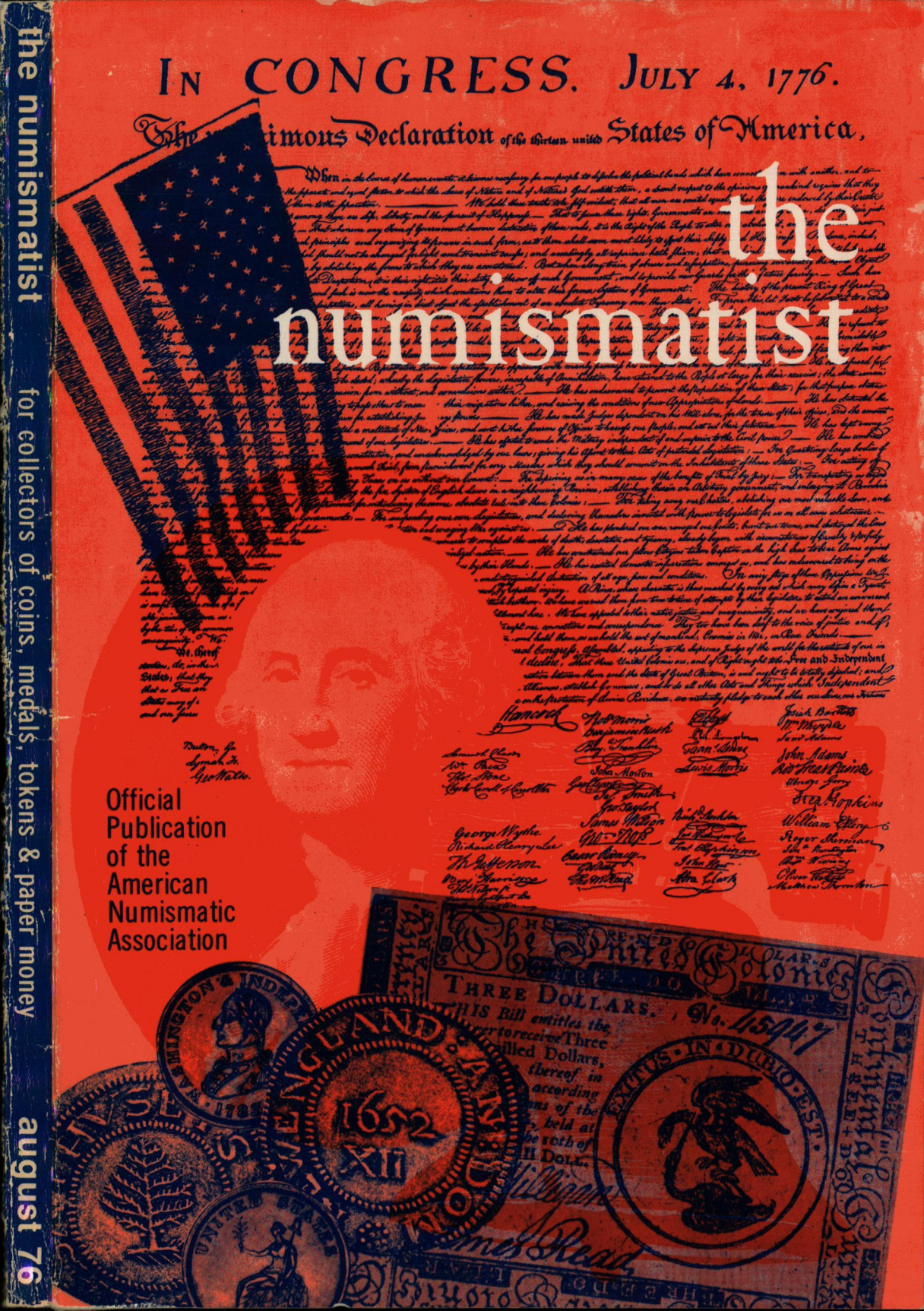
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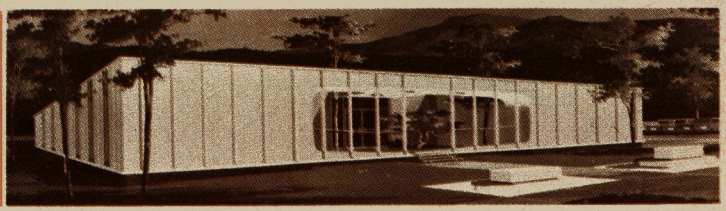
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Notes on English Coin Weights



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Part I
Background of Coin Weights

Historians, archeologists and numismatic scholars are pretty much agreed that the coinage of money began about 650 B.C. in the Kingdom of Lydia during the reign of King Ardys (652-615 B.C.). Lydia was a wealthy kingdom located in Asia Minor, and the first coins were small, round ingots made from a composition of gold and silver, called "Electrum" by the early Hellenes. Electrum was found in its native state in large quantities in the Lydian mountains and was used for coinage as it was found without any furthur refinement. These early coins were rather crude, being little more than drops of electrum that were poured onto a hard surface, and while still soft, were struck with a hand-held punch or die onto which a device had been cut. Some years later, the Lydians conceived the idea of an upper and lower punch or die to give the coin a design on the reverse as well as the obverse. This first coinage allowed, for the first time, merchants, traders and others to use a more or less standard form of exchange rather than use gold and silver in ingot or bar form that required weighing and testing every time it was offered in trade. A furthur improvement in Lydian coinage occurred under the legendary King Croesus who caused his coins to be minted from ninety-eight per cent pure gold. This did away with the somewhat uncertain composition of electrum coins, and Croesus' coins soon became the accepted standard in the world of commerce and trade.

In 546 B.C., the Lydian Kingdom was conquered by Cyrus, King of Persia. Upon occupying the Lydian capitol of Sardis, Cyrus took possession of the mint but did not issue any coins during his reign. Upon his death, Darius the Great, assumed the Persian throne and he caused large numbers of both gold and silver coins to be struck. These Persian coins were called "Daric" and were the standard of the then civilized world until the fall of the Persian Empire in 331 B.C. to Alexander The Great. Alexander continued to issue vast amounts of gold and silver coins, not only from the mint at Sardis, but from mints which he established throughout his vast Empire. His standard gold coin was the "Stater" which was equal in value and fineness to the Daric.

Upon Alexander's death, the Empire was divided between his generals who continued to issue both gold and silver coins substantially the same as Alexander. This continued until Rome came into power in 65 B.C., and following its victory against Carthage, the Roman Republic and later the Roman Empire coined money for use in its far flung colonies and possessions. Still later, the Byzantine Empire succeeded Rome, but the mintage of money had by now become almost universal throughout the various civilized countries.

During all this time of several hundred years, the basic coinage methods were substantially the same. A piece of gold or silver, either in bar form or a crude planchet, was heated, and while still hot was put onto an anvil that was the reverse of the coin, and then struck with a hand held punch or die that represented the obverse. These coins were, and still are, considered works of art, but because of the coinage methods used, were rather crude in shape and form. This crudeness of shape or planchet allowed unscrupulous persons to clip the edges of the coins, thus making an added profit for themselves, but in reality cheating those who accepted these clipped coins at full value. In spite of the strict penalties provided by lawful authority against this practice, it was almost impossible to control. This practice became so widespread that no money changer, merchant or trader would accept the

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coins unless he first weighed them to determine if they were of proper weight.

This need to weigh coins made necessary proper scales and weights. Historical records show that Emperor Julian in 363 A.D. had special weights made by official court weight makers who used these weights to check coins in circulation.[1] Standard weights were used throughout Europe during the years that followed, even up to and including Queen Victoria's time. It should be realized that even up to early Victorian times in England, that only the well-to-do or the nobility had any proper education. The vast majority had only elementary knowledge of reading and writing, and very few had any mathematical knowledge. While penny weight and grains were the official legal weights, few had the ability to use them. Therefore, coin weights represented an easy and rapid method of checking the weight of coins. Such coin weights became even more essential when inter-country travel became more common in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and each traveller carried with him the coins of his native country.

In England, Royal Proclamations concerning coin weights and the value of English and foreign money then current in England, date back to King John who issued his first such proclamation in 1205 A.D.[2] King George III, in 1773, issued a proclamation in which he changed the weight of a Guinea to a higher gold weight because the coins of his predecessor's had so deteriorated that their value was no longer current.

The study of English coin weights, with few exceptions, has not been too actively pursued in England and even less so here in the United States. This is regrettable, because coin weights can reveal much of historic significance concerning the gold and silver coins of England and of those foreign countries whose money circulated in England. This author is in possession of several early English scales and weights that have in their boxes labels of particular interest on the subject. One such scale box has a label that reads as follows:

"The Standard Weight of Ye Following Coins"

	Oz	Dw	Gr
5 Mold'rs	1	14	15
½ d'to	0	17	7½
a 3 12 s	0	18	12
a 36 s	0	9	6
a 18 s	0	4	15
a 9 s	0	2	7½
a Guinea	0	5	9
½ d'to	0	2	16½
a Moidore	0	6	22¼
½ d'to	0	3	11
a Pistole	0	4	8
½ d'to	0	2	4

Note that each Grain of Gold is two pence at four pounds per ounce.

[1] Bruno Kisch, *Scales and Weights* (New Haven: Yale University, 1965), p.132.
[2] L. A. Lawrence, "Coin Weights," *British Numismatic Journal*, 6 (1909), 288.

Keeping in mind that the ancient practice of clipping coins was carried on in England prior to the introduction of lettered or reeded edges being put on coins to discourage this practice, it is no wonder that succeeding rulers found it necessary to resort to approved coin weights to eliminate sub-standard coins from commerce and trade. In fact, this practice made it necessary for George III, in 1773, to set a lower limit on the weight of guineas as follows:

	Dwt	Grs
Guineas coined since 31st of December, 1771	5	8
Half guineas during the same period	2	16
Guineas coined during the reign of the King and prior to 1st of January, 1772	5	6
Half guineas during the same period	2	14
Quarter guineas during the same period	1	7
Guineas coined prior to the commencement of the reign of the King	5	3
Half guineas during the same period	2	13

It should be noted that there was a difference of five grains between the minimum acceptable weight of guineas coined prior to the start of George III reign and the guineas coined after January 1, 1772. The nominal value of a guinea was then set at twenty-one shillings, but with the price of gold at two pence per grain, the difference in respective minimum and normal weights amounted to ten pence or roughly half a shilling. This was a significant amount to anyone, let alone a banker or merchant who dealt in many guineas at a time.

Before discussing details of some English coin weights it would be appropriate to discuss some of the basic data as it applies to these weights. The weights were made primarily of brass, but a small number are known in copper. The only other known metal used was silver, but silver coin weights are extremely rare. Most English coin weights in existance today are of brass. Generally coin weights are found either square or round before the time of Charles I, and generally round thereafter. Some few square weights of Charles I are known.

With respect to the design, the earlier weights were of the "Monetiform" type. That is, one side and occasionally both sides of the weight were made in imitation of the obverse and or reverse of the actual coin for which the coin weight was made. Later weights often had on one side the image of the ruler with a suitable legend, and on the reverse the legal value of the coin and or its legal weight. About the time of George I most weights would carry a legal weight and a legal value.

The weights themselves varied from rather crude designs to designs executed by some of the finest die sinkers and engravers of England and Europe. Among the most noteworthy coin weight makers were John Kirk of St. Paul's Churchyard, London, and Nicholas Briot of Paris. The latter worked in England during the reign of Charles I. The weights of these two men were not only superb examples of the die makers art, but were of uniform accuracy. The weights made by these two engravers are very much sought after by collectors.

The earliest known coin weights of England are of the time of Edward IV.[3] English coin weights up to James I (1603-1625) are very scarce because most of them were outlawed after James I, they too ordered previous ruler's weights removed, but somehow more of these weights have survived through the years.

The descriptions and photographs of the weights that follow in Part II are examples of some of the weights from James I through Queen Victoria. This listing is not complete in any respect, but is intended to show types and designs then in use. In the description of the weight the following abbreviations are used:

[3] Ibid., p. 296.

1. OBV: Obverse
2. REV: Reverse
3. L.W.: Legal weight. The weight established by law as the nominal weight of the coin.
4. WCW: Actual weight of the coin weight.
5. SCS: Shape, composition of metal and size in inches, either for one side in the case of a square weight or the diameter in the case of around weight.

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Part II

Description of Coin Weights

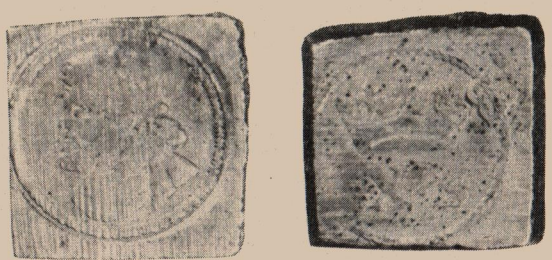
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A. JAMES I
1603-1625



1. HALF CROWN: coined from 1612-1619. L.W. 19.36 grains. Value, 2 Shillings, 9 Pence.

OBV: Crowned bust of king facing right, "I.R. BRIT." around bust.
REV: "CROWN", "IIS.IXD"
WCW: 18.35 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.57 inch



2. DOUBLE CROWN or HALF LAUREL: coined from 1619-1625. L.W. 70 10/41 grains. Value, 10 Shillings.

OBV: Laureated head of king facing left.
REV: "CROWN", "X.S"
WCW: 70.0 grains
SCS: Square, trapezoidal, brass, 0.60 inch



3. DOUBLE CROWN or HALF LAUREL: coined from 1619-1625. L.W. 70 10/41 grains. Value, 10 Shillings.

OBV: Laureated head of king facing left.
REV: "CROWN", "X.S"
WCW: 70.50 grains
SCS: Square, brass, 0.60 inch



4. HALF ANGEL: coined from 1612-1619. L.W. 36.0 grains. Value, 5 Shillings, 6 Pence.

OBV: Crowned bust of king facing right, "I.R.M. BRIT" around bust.
REV: "CROWN", "VS.VID" with small "B" below value indicating that the weight was made by Nicholas Briot about 1632.
WCW: 36.25 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.55 inch



5. HALF ANGEL: coined from 1612-1619. L.W. 36.0 grains. Value, 5 Shillings, 6 Pence.

OBV: Angel spearing dragon, "I.R.BRI" around angel.
REV: "CROWN", "VS.VID." Small "CROWN" and "CR" in upper left hand corner. Weight was made in early reign of CHARLES I using dies of JAMES I.
WCW: 35.75 grains
SCS: Square, trapazoidal, brass, 0.50 inch




6. UNITE: coined from 1604-1612. L.W. 154 26/31 grains. Value, 20 Shillings from 1604-1609. 22 Shillings from 1610-1612.

OBV: Crowned bust of king facing right with scepter in right hand and orb in left, "I.R.BRI." around bust.
REV: "TC" or "TG" and illegible date.
WCW: 154.50 grains
SCS: Square, trapazoidal, brass, 0.62 inch




7. UNITE: coined from 1610-1612. L.W. 154 26-31 grains. Value, 22 Shillings.

OBV: Crowned bust of king facing right with scepter in right hand and orb in left, "I.R.MA.BRIT" around bust.
REV:"CROWN", "XXII.S"
WCW: 152.50 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.75 inch




8. HALF UNITE or DOUBLE CROWN: coined from 1610-1612. L.W. 77 13/31 grains. Value, 11 Shillings.

OBV: Crowned bust of king facing right, "I.R.M. BRITAN" around bust.
REV: "CROWN", "XI.S", small "B" for Nicholas Briot.
WCW: 77.35 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.65 inch



9. ANGEL: coined from 1610-1612. L.W. 71 1/3 grains. Value, 11 shillings.

OBV: Angel spearing dragon, "I.R.MAG.BRIT."
REV: "CROWN", "XI.S."
WCW: 67.25 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.67 inch



10. SPUR RYAL: coined from 1605 to 1612. L.W. 106 2/3 grains. Value, 15 shillings, from 1605-1609. 16 shillings, 6 pence from 1610-1612.

OBV: Quartered shield of king. Quartered arms of England and France in 1st and 4th quarter. Arms of Scotland in 2nd quarter. Arms of Ireland in 3rd quarter.
REV: Blank
WCW: 102.50 grains (Weight shows much wear.)
SCS: Round, copper, 1 1/8 inch

B. CHARLES I
1625-1648



1. UNITE: coined from 1625-1645. L.W. 140 20/41 grains. Value, 20 shillings.

OBV: Crowned bust of king facing left, "CAROLVS.REX" around bust.
REV: "CROWN", "XX.S", small "B" for Nicholas Briot.
WCW: 137.50 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.72 inch



2. ANGEL: coined from 1625-1634. L.W. 64 64/89 grains. Value, 10 shillings.

OBV: Angel spearing dragon
REV: "CROWN", "X.S."
WCW: 64.75 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.67 inch



3. DOUBLE CROWN: coined from 1625-1645. L.W. 70 10/41 grains. Value, 10 shillings.

OBV: Crowned bust of king facing left, "C-R" on each side of bust.
REV: "TC" or "TG" with illegible date and design.
WCW: 70.0 grains
SCS: Square, trapazoidal, brass, 0.64 inch



4. DOUBLE CROWN: coined from 1625-1645. L.W. 70 10/41 grains. Value, 10 shillings.

OBV: Crowned bust of king facing left, "REX CAROLV(S)" around bust.
REV: "CROWN", "X.S", "CROWN, CR" at lower left.
WCW: 70.25 grains
SCS: Square, trapazoidal, 0.56 inch

C. CHARLES II
1660-1684



1. ONE GUINEA: coined from 1672-1684. L.W. 129 38/89 grains. Value, 20 shillings.
 OBV: Crowned bust of king facing left, "CAROLVS II REX" around bust.
 REV: "CROWN", "XX.S"
 WCW: 123.25 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.76 inch

D. WILLIAM & MARY
1688-1694



1. ONE HALF GUINEA: coined from 1689-1692. L.W. 64/89 grains. Value, 10 shillings.
 OBV: Laureated bust of king, and head of queen facing right, "GVLIELMVS. ET. MARIA. DEI. GRA." around busts.
 REV: Saltire "SCEPTERS, CROWN", "½GVINEA W".
 WCW: 64.0 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.65 inch

E. WILLIAM III
1694-1701



1. ONE HALF GUINEA: coined from 1695-1701. L.W.64 64/89 grains. Value, 10 shillings.
 OBV: Laureated bust of king facing right, "GVLIELMVS III. DEI. GRA. REX" around bust. "WE" in field below chin, probably the initials of weight maker.
 REV: Saltire "SCEPTERS, CROWN", "½ GVINEA W".
 WCW: 63.0 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.68 inch



2. ONE HALF GUINEA: coined from 1695-1701. L.W. 64 64/89 grains. Value, 10 shillings.

OBV: Laureated bust of king facing right, "GVLIELMUS III. DEI. GRATIA" around bust.
REV: Saltire "SCEPTERS, CROWN", "½ GVINEA W".
WCW: 60.75 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.72 inch. Note: weight shows much wear.



3. ONE HALF GUINEA: coined from 1695-1701. L.W. 64 64/89 grains. Value, 10 shillings.

OBV: Laureated bust of king facing right, "GVLIELMVS III. DEI. GRATIA. REX" around bust.
REV: Saltire "SCEPTERS, CROWN", "½ GVINEA W".
WCW: 63.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.65 inch



4. ONE HALF GUINEA: coined from 1695-1701. L.W. 64 64/89 grains. Value, 10 shillings.

OBV: Laureated bust of king facing right, "GVLIELMVS III. DEI. GRA. REX" around bust. "CROWN, AG" at lower right under chin, probably the initials of weight maker.
REV: Saltire "SCEPTERS, CROWN", "½ GVINEA W".
WCW: 61.75 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.67 inch



5. ONE GUINEA: coined from 1695-1701. L.W. 129 39/89 grains. Value, 20 shillings.
 OBV: Laureated bust of king facing right, "GVLIELMVS III DEI. ------. REX" around bust.
 REV: Saltire "SCEPTERS, CROWN", "1 GUINEA W".
 WCW: 127.25 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.83 inch

F. ANNE
1701-1714



1. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1702-1714. L.W. 64 64/89 grains. Value, 10 shillings.
 OBV: Bust of queen facing left, filleted hair, "ANNA. DEI. GRATIA" around bust.
 REV: Saltire "SCEPTERS, CROWN", "½ GVINEA W".
 WCW: 63.0 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.65 inch.
 Note: While guineas were coined at 20 shillings they actually passed at 21 shillings, 6 pence during Queen Anne's reign.

G. GEORGE I
1714-1727



1. GUINEA: coined from 1714-1727. L.W. 129 39/89 grains. Value, 21 shillings.
 OBV: Ornamental shield with "CROWN" and "GR" above. "A GUINEA" within shield.
 REV: Same as obverse
 WCW: 126.0 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.80 inch

H. GEORGE II
1727-1760



1. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1727-1760. L.W. 64 64/89 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence.
 OBV: Laureated bust of king facing left, "GEORGIVS II. REX" around bust.
 REV: Saltire "SCEPTERS" with "CROWN", "½ GUINEA W".
 WCW: 64.0 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.70 inch



2. GUINEA: coined from 1727-1760. L.W. 129 38/89 grains. Value, 21 shillings.
 OBV: Laureated bust of king facing left, "GEORGIVS II. REX" around bust
 REV: Saltire "SCEPTERS" with "CROWN", "1 GUINEA W".
 WCW: 127.0 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.84 inch

I. GEORGE III
1760-1820



OBV: "5 S. 3 D" and "1.8¼".
REV: Same as obverse
WCW: 32.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.55 inch

1. QUARTER GUINEA: coined only in 1762. L.W. 32 10/40 grains. Value, 5 shillings, 3 pence.



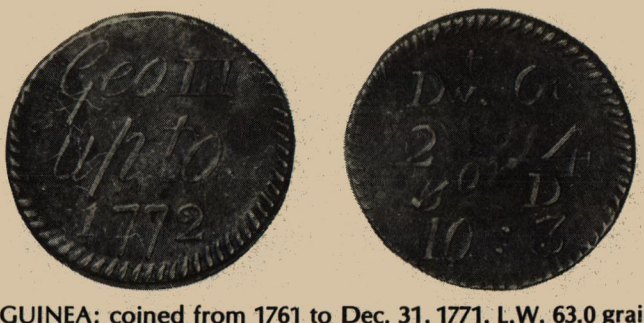
OBV: "5 S . 3 D"
REV: Same as obverse
WCW: 32.50 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.54 inch

2. QUARTER GUINEA: coined only in 1762. L.W. 32 10/40 grains. Value, 5 shillings, 3 pence.



OBV: "5 S . 3 P" incused
REV: Same as obverse
WCW: 32.30 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.60 inch

3. QUARTER GUINEA: coined only in 1762. L.W. 32 10/40 grains. Value, 5 shillings, 3 pence.



4. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1761 to Dec. 31, 1771. L.W. 63.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 3 pence (old weight).

OBV: "GEO III UP TO 1772"
REV: "2 DWT.14 GR.", "OR", "10 s.3D".
WCW: 61.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.69 inch



5. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1772-1813. L.W. 64.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence (new weight).

OBV: Bust of king facing right, "GEORGIVS III. DEI. GR." around bust.
REV: "2P . 16 GR", "HALF GUINEA". Counterstamped with "ANCHOR".
WCW: 63.50 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.70 inch



6. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1771-1813. L.W. 64.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence (new weight).

OBV: Bust of king facing right, "GEORGIVS. III. DEI. GRA" around bust.
REV: "2P . 16 GR", "HALF GUINEA".
WCW: 63.5 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.70 inch



7. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1771-1813. L.W. 64.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence (new weight).

OBV: Bust of king facing right, "GEORGIVS.III. DEI. GRA" around bust.
REV: "HALF GUINEA WT.", "1772", counterstamped with small "CROWN".
WCW: 63.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.68 inch



8. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1871-1813. L.W. 64.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence (new weight).

OBV: "GEO.III", "10s:5D".
REV: "2 Dwt. 16 Gr", "1772", counterstamped with "COFFEE POT".
WCW: 64.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.70 inch



9. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1771-1813. L.W. 64.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence (new weight).

OBV: "COINED SINCE 1771", counterstamped with "ANCHOR".
REV: "2.16", counterstamped with "ANCHOR" and "WESTWOOD".
WCW: 64.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.64 inch



10. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1771-1813. L.W. 64.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence (new weight).

OBV: "2P.16G"
REV: "2P.16G", counterstamped with small "CROWN".
WCW: 64.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.75 inch



11. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1771-1813. L.W. 64.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence (new weight).

OBV: "2P.16G"
REV: "2P.16G", counterstamped with large "CROWN".
WCW: 64.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.74 inch





12. HALF GUINEA: coined from 1771-1813. L.W. 64.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence (new weight).

OBV: "NEW STAN'r'D"
REV: "2D.16G", counterstamped with "COFFEE POT".
WCW: 64.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.72 inch





13. GUINEA: coined from 1761-1771. L.W. 126.0 grains. Value, 20 shillings, 6 pence, (old weight).

OBV: "GEO.III. UP TO THE 1st OF JAN'Y 1772".
REV: "20S.6D", "OR", "5DWT.6GR", counterstamped with "COFFEE POT".
WCW: 125.50 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.81 inch



14. GUINEA: coined from 1761-1771, L.W. 126.0 grains. Value, 20 shillings, 6 pence, (old weight).

OBV: "GEO.III. UP TO THE 1st OF JAN'Y 1772".
REV: "20S.6D", "OR", "5DWT.6GR".
WCW: 125.50 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0,80 inch



15. GUINEA: coined from 1772-1799 and 1813. L.W. 128.0 grains. Value, 21 shillings (new weight).

OBV: Laureated bust of king facing right, "GEORGIVS.III. DEI. GRA" around bust.
REV: "5PWT.8GR", "GUINEA", counterstamped with "COFFEE POT".
WCW: 125.50 grains. (Weight shows considerable wear.)
SCS: Round, brass, 0.80 inch

16. GUINEA: coined from 1772-1799 and 1813. L.W. 128.0 grains. Value, 21 shillings (new weight).



OBV: "5P . 8G"
REV: "5P . 8G", counterstamped with large "CROWN".
WCW: 128.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.80 inch



17. GUINEA: coined from 1772-1799 and 1813. L.W. 128.0 grains. Value, 21 shillings (new weight).

OBV: "5PW . 8GR", "GUINEA", counterstamped with "ANCHOR".
REV: Blank
WCW: 128.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.80 inch



18. GUINEA: coined from 1772-1799 and 1813. L.W. 128.0 grains. Value, 21 shillings (new weight).

OBV: Cypher "G III R"
REV: "5 DWT . 8 GR", counterstamped with "COFFEE POT".
WCW: 128.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.80 inch

J. GEORGE IV

1820-1830



1. HALF GUINEA: no half guineas were coined during the reign of George IV. This weight was used to weigh the half guineas of the previous reigns. L.W. 64.0 grains. Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence.

OBV: "LION", and "CROWN", "ROYAL MINT 1821".
REV: "CUR't WEIGHT", "HALF GUINEA", "2 DW . 16 GR".
WCW: 64.00 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.75 inch
Note: Weight was made by Royal Mint.



2. HALF SOVEREIGN: coined 1821-1828. L.W. 61 1/8 grains. Value, 10 shillings.

OBV: "LION", and "CROWN", "ROYAL MINT 1821".
REV: "CUR't WEIGHT", "HALF SOVEREIGN", "2DW . 13 1/8 GR".
WCW: 61 1/8 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.75 inch
Note: Weight hwas made by Royal Mint.



3. SOVEREIGN: coined from 1821-1830. L.W. 122½ grains. Value, 20 shillings.

OBV: "LION", and "CROWN", "ROYAL MINT 1821".
REV: "CUR't WEIGHT SOVEREIGN", "5DW . 2½GR".
WCW: 121½ grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.82 inch
Note: Weight was made by Royal Mint.



4. DOUBLE SOVEREIGN: coined in 1823, 1826 and 1827. L.W. 245 grains. Value, 40 shillings.

OBV: "LION", and "CROWN", "ROYAL MINT 1823".
REV.: "CUR't WT" "DOUBLE SOVEREIGN", "10 DW.5GR".
WCW: 244.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.94 inch
Note: Weight was made by Royal Mint.

K. VICTORIA
1837-1901



1. HALF SOVEREIGN: coined from 1837 to 1901. L.W. 61 1/8 grains. Value, 10 shillings.

OBV: Head of the Queen facing left. "ROYAL MINT", "1843" incused around head.
REV: "CUR WEIGHT", "HALF SOVEREIGN", "2 DW. 13 1/8 GR" All lettering is incused.
WCW: 60 1/8 grain
SCS: Round, brass, 0.75 inch
Note: Weight was made by Royal Mint.



2. SOVEREIGN: coined from 1837 to 1901. L.W. 122½ grains. Value, 20 shillings.
 OBV: Head of the Queen facing left. "ROYAL MINT" and "1843" incused around head.
 REV: "CUR't WEIGHT", "SOVEREIGN", "5 DW.2½ GR".
 WCW: 122½ grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.82 inch
 Note: Weight was made by Royal Mint.



3. SOVEREIGN: coined from 1837 to 1901. L.W. 122½ grains. Value, 20 shillings.
 OBV: "LION", and "CROWN", "ROYAL MINT, 1842".
 REV: "CUR't WEIGHT", "SOVEREIGN", "5 DW . 2½ GR".
 WCW: 122.0 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.82 inch



4. SOVEREIGN: coined from 1837 to 1901. L.W. 122½ grains. Value, 20 shillings.

OBV: "WREATH" around the outside and "CROWN", "SOVEREIGN", "5 D. 2½ G".
REV: Blank
WCW: 122 3/4 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.93 inch

Miscellaneous Weights

The following weights cannot be positively attributed to any one particular reign as these coin weights applied to half guineas and guineas coined from the reign of George I thru George III. The half guinea had a legal weight of 64 64/89 grains, while the guinea had a legal weight os 129 39/89 grains thru the time of the three reigns.



1. HALF GUINEA: Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence.
 OBV: "10 S : 6 D", letters in script
 REV: Same as obverse
 WCW: 64.50 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.68 inch



2. HALF GUINEA: Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence.
 OBV: "10 S : 6 D"
 REV: Same as obverse
 WCW: 64.50 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.72 inch



3. HALF GUINEA: Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence.
 OBV: "10 S : 6 D"
 REV: Same as obverse
 WCW: 63.50 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.64 inch



4. HALF GUINEA: Value, 10 shillings, 6 pence.
 OBV: "10 S . 6 P" letters incused
 REV: Same as obverse
 WCW: 64.75 grains
 SCS: Round, brass, 0.70 inch



5. GUINEA: Value, 21 shillings.
OBV: "21 S"
REV: "21 S"
WCW: 128.50 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.80 inch



6. GUINEA: Value, 21 shillings.
OBV: "21 S", "5 . 9"
REV: "21 S", "5 . 9"
WCW: 127.25 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.90 inch



7. GUINEA: Value, 21 shillings.
OBV: "21 S", "5 . 9"
REV: "21 S", "5 . 9"
WCW: 128.75 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.82 inch



8. GUINEA: Value, 21 shillings.
OBV: "21 S"
REV: "21 S"
WCW: 128.75 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.86 inch



9. GUINEA: Value, 21 shillings.
OBV: "21 S", "5 . 9"
REV: "21 S", "5 . 9"
WCW: 128.50 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.81 inch



10. GUINEA: Value, 21 shillings.
OBV: "21 S" incused
REV: "21 S" incused
WCW: 129.0 grains
SCS: Round, brass, 0.80 inch

TAMS '76 Medal Sculpted by Roberts



The Statue of Liberty, New York harbor's famous landmark which has perhaps served as the world's brightest reminder of the ideal which America's bicentennial celebrates, will be the featured subject for the Token and Medal Society 16th annual meeting medal. The TAMS meeting, as in the past, will be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association, this year's being held at the Americana Hotel in New York City.

Gilroy Roberts, famed designer of the Kennedy half and equally as well known for his animal portraiture at The Franklin Mint, is sculptor of the issue which is currently in preparation. The design, in addition to featuring the Statue of Liberty and a portrait grouping representative of the "huddled masses" mentioned in Emma Lazarus' sonnet inscribed in its base, offers the less familiar concluding line which Lazarus penned: "I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

The tenth consecutive annual issue commissioned with The Franklin Mint, the piece will again be struck in the popular dollar size (39mm) with a reeded edge, and mated with a reverse which features a rendering of the official TAMS emblem.

Also in conformity with past practice, the medal will be struck in proof quality bronze and sterling silver editions, $5 and $15 each, or $19.50 for the pair. The quantities were limited to the number ordered through TAMS prior to July 31, 1976, plus an additional limited number which may be offered to The Franklin Mint's "Special Commemorative Issues" program subscribers. A special antique pewter version was produced and offered on an advance subscription basis only to TAMS members at $5.50 each.

The medals will be available for distribution to members in attendance at the TAMS meetings in New York. Orders which must be delivered by mail will be shipped immediately following the meetings. Additional particulars or information about possible extra medals can be obtained by writing Clifford Mishler, P. O. Box 316, Iola, WI 54945.

"The-buck-stops-here!" Department...



You'll be missing a rare treat at ANA's New York City convention if you fail to attend the "Old Time Town Meeting" of the ANA membership at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 25, in the Americana Hotel's ballroom "Royal-A."

This will be but one more step toward my plan to bring the ANA membership closer to policy-making in the ANA.

This ANA membership "Old Time Town Meeting" was inspired, of course, by the colonial town meetings of the 1776 era ... and I hope this revival of such a gathering will prove so successful that the ANA membership will demand that such a "town meeting" ... the purest form of democracy ... must become an annual event.

As I stated last month in my call for this meeting, any member may ask any question and get an answer. No holds barred. Any member may make a motion from the floor and, if it's seconded properly, it shall be put to a vote right then and there.

So, mark your program for 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, the 25th, ballroom "Royal-A," and get your seat early, because I'll gavel the meeting to order promptly at the stroke of eleven!

On a related item ...

Being sometimes known as "One-Track-Mind" Hancock, I'm still trying to deliver on my campaign platform's three planks for ANA election reforms.

In February, my first plank finally squeaked through the ANA board, the plank making mandatory a two-years' "sit-out" after a governor will have served eight consecutive years on the board. (Originally I'd planned a six-year limitation, but compromised on eight years in order to get that plank adopted by the board.)

In this month's board meeting, again I shall present my two other election reform planks ...

For staggered terms of office.

For specific, numbered seats on the board . . . the only voting method by which YOU could have a direct, clear-cut vote on any controversial issue, when one candidate favors and his opponent opposes the question. As it has been under the "top-7" grab-bag election method, both the pro and con candidates can be elected . . . and you've had no direct voice on the question.

You read those two proposed bylaws amendments in your June and July issues of this magazine. If you have not yet mailed your own vote on each of those two of my platform planks amendments, please do so today to ANA Bylaws, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Sincerely,

Virgil Hancock



SURVEYS ON MILITARY CURRENCY

by Carlton "Fred" Schwan
LM 1584

In July of 1974 *The Numismatist* ran an article which I wrote concerning Military Payment Certificate replacement notes. The essence of the story was a survey conducted by the author of notes in various collections. This report will update the results of the survey and announce the expansion of the survey to include several other issues.

Military Payment Certificates (MPC), which are used to replace pieces damaged during the printing process, are identified by deleting the suffix letter from the serial number. This system provides for the accurate accounting of notes. No official records have been kept concerning how many replacement notes of a given issue have been released but most replacements have been considered scarce. A survey was begun in 1973 in an attempt to determine what pieces are extant.

When the survey results were published in *The Numismatist,* 460 replacement notes had been reported. Since that report an additional 161 notes have been added to the survey for a total of 621. (See the accompanying chart for the current status of the survey.) Some of the one hundred sixty-one newly reported notes are significant ones.

Among the many new reports came a listing of the holdings of the U.S. Army Finance Corps Museum in Indianapolis, Indiana. Included in the museum's collections are several pieces which remain unreported in private collections. The accompanying table summarizes the number of replacement certificates reported for each series and denomination. The museum's holdings are in-

Summary of the Survey Results

Series	Denominations								Totals
	5¢	10¢	25¢	50¢	$1	$5	$10	$20	
461	5AU	2VF/1*	2VF	1CU	2VF	2CU	4CU		20
471	1VF/1*	2XF	2*	2*	1CU/2*	2*	2CU/2*		17
472	9CU	4VF	1*	4CU/1*	4CU/1*	2CU/1*	1VF		28
481	5CU/3*	6CU/3*	6VF/3*	1?	3CU/3*	—	1G		34
521	3VF	6VF	5XF	1?	1?	2VF	1VF		19
541	9CU	15CU	5CU	18CU	4CU	—	4CU		55
591	6CU/1*	1*	1*	1VG/1*	1?/1*	1*	3VG/1*		18
611	12CU	26CU	1VG	—	17CU	5CU	7CU		68
641	22CU	6CU	8CU	6CU	7CU	2CU	14CU		65
651					1VF	—	5CU		6
661	6CU	24CU	6CU	2CU	21CU	8CU	6CU	7CU	80
681	14CU	10CU	2VF	14CU	15CU	7CU	11CU	31CU	104
692	28CU	25CU	10CU	11CU	17CU	2F	1VF	13CU	107
									621

The number of pieces reported is indicated for that particular series/denomination. The condition is of the highest grade reported. A question mark (?) indicates that the grade is in doubt. (*) Indicates pieces from the holdings of the U.S. Army Finance Corps Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana.

dicated by an asterick representing specimen notes which are permanently impounded. The existence of the pieces indicate that such replacement notes were printed and probably issued.

The greatest mystery surfaced by the survey concerned the series 541 50¢ and $10 replacement notes. Two additional examples have been reported which further confound the circumstances surrounding this issue. These two denominations, as described in the first report, had replacement notes reported with serial numbers approaching and exceeding the total released for the entire series/denomination.

A third $10 replacement of series 541 was reported. The three serial numbers are F00533233, F00685579 and F21065241. The entire printing of the certificate is



One of the scarce and unusual replacement notes of series 541.



The mysterious serial numbers of the 541 series 50¢ replacement notes.

21,200,000 which is only 135,000 greater than the largest of the three reported replacements.

A similar situation existed with the 50¢ certificate but it is even more mysterious. While the total issue is 8,064,000, eleven notes had been reported with serial numbers greater than 10,000,000 and two greater than 11,000,000. Compounding the problem were three pieces with expected low serial numbers. The greatest surprise, however, was received after the last report. A 50¢ replacement was reported with a serial number exceeding 16,000,000! So that everyone may draw their own conclusions, the serial numbers of the seventeen reported 541 50¢ replacements, in order, are:

F00188338, F00692563, F02320171, F10099895, F10449602, F10473047, F10571559, F10622832, F10628110, F10628135, F10628331, F10628333, F10628351, F10628357, F11019641, F11240915, and F16208405.

There does not seem to be any reasonable explanation for these facts.

An interesting piece was reported for series 651. The fifth reported certificate was serial number A00000018 which is by far the lowest serial number reported and it was no doubt saved by the original owner for that reason. Of course many other additions were made but they are of lesser significance. Readers are invited to study the accompanying chart and draw their own conclusions and to report any replacements which have not previously been reported.

The survey of MPC replacements has been such a success that the survey has been expanded to include several other military issues — Allied Military Currency (AMC) of Austria, France, Germany, Italy, and Japan, as well as Philippine VICTORY notes. This survey is in its infancy, and no attempt is made here to report final results, but rather to create interest in gathering information.



The lowest serial number reported in the 651 series of military payment certificates.

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AMC, Austria



Twenty-five Austrian schilling AMC replacement note indicated by the "X" to the right of the serial number.

The Allied Military Currency notes for Austria were printed in 50 groshen, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 1000 schilling denominations. The United States and Great Britain collaborated in printing these pieces. Both governments printed the 50 groshen, 1 and 2 shilling denominations. The U.S. alone printed the 25 schilling, while the remainder of the denominations were printed by the British alone.

The three lowest denominations do not carry serial numbers and, therefore, have no replacement notes. The higher denominations printed by the British have a letter/number fractional type serial number prefix. A modification of this fraction probably indicates a replacement note, but at this time it is not known how to identify them positively as such.

Therefore, the only denomination of this series which has readily recognizable replacement notes is the 25 schilling which was printed in the U.S. Replacements of this note are indicated by an "X" to the right of the serial number as shown in the note pictured.

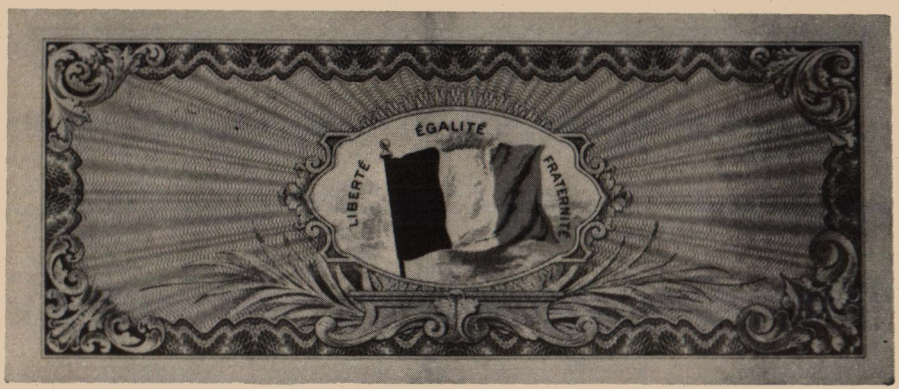
This denomination is reasonably scarce as a regular issue and as of this time only two replacements are known. These two are interesting in that they are consecutive serial numbers and are illustrated, one each, in *Catalogue of European Paper Money* and *World War II Allied Military Currency.*

AMC, France



The "X" in the vicinity of the serial number indicates this to be a replacement note.

Allied Military Currency for France was issued in two major types, Supplemental French France Currency and Committe French Franc Currency. Having been printed in the United States, both types have the same identifying characteristic as the Austrian 25 schilling, an "X" in the vicinity of the serial number.



Reverse of Supplemental French Franc Currency. The reverse of the Committe French Franc Currency has "France" in large letters rather than the flag.

It is important to know the difference in the type note when reporting for the survey. The faces of both types are very similar with the backs providing the distinguishing difference. The back of the Supplemental French Franc Currency is dominated by the red, white and blue French flag and is often referred to as the "flag" variety. The back of the Committe French Franc Currency is dominated by "FRANCE" in bold letters.

Denominations below 500 Francs have all been reported, but the 500 franc note and higher denominations have as yet not been reported except for a few specimen pieces.

AMC, Germany

The German issue was printed by both the Soviet Union and the United States. Issued, in ½, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 1000 mark denominations, the U.S. notes were printed by Forbes Lithographic Company and have replacement notes indicated by a hyphen (-) prefix to an eight digit serial number, ex. -12345678. This would make

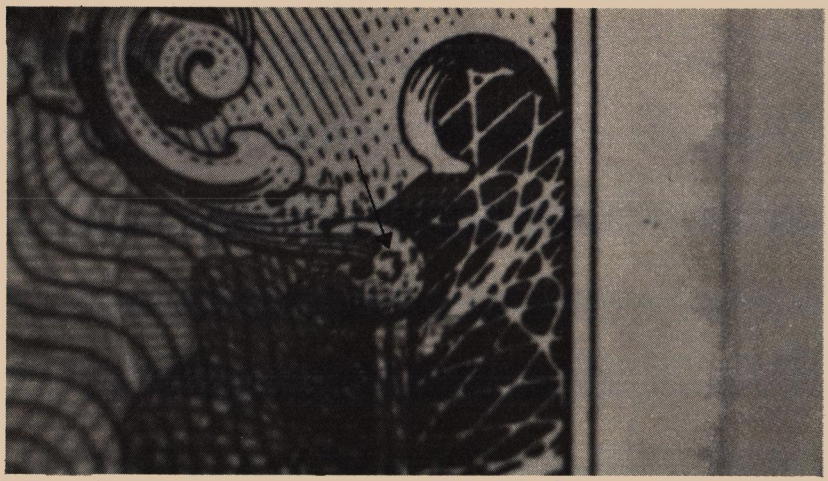


Fifty German mark replacement note.



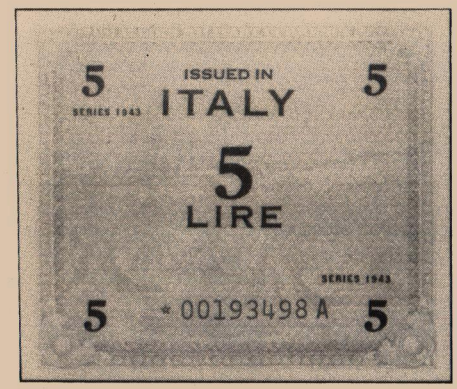
Close up of the fifty mark replacement note showing both the hyphen and monogram.

identification of the U.S. replacement notes easy except that for an entirely different reason some of the Soviet printed notes carry the same prefix. Though it remained a mystery to the collecting fraternity for a long time, the Forbes printed notes carry a monogram "f" which allows positive identification of the U.S. printed notes. Therefore, to be a replacement note a piece must have both the hyphen and the "f" monogram, though replacements not technically correct may be identified in another way. Since no Soviet notes are known with a serial number less than 10,000,000 and since it is unlikely that any U.S. replacement notes would have a serial number greater than that, any note with the hyphen and a serial number starting with one or more zeros will be a replacement note.



Enlargement of Forbes monogram found on French and Italian AMC.

AMC, Italy





Series 1943 and 1943A replacement notes are indicated by a star prefix to the serial number.

Two series of notes, 1943 and 1943A, were printed as Allied Military Currency for Italy. Both series were printed exclusively in the United States, though series 1943 was printed by both the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and Forbes Lithograph Company while series 1943A was printed exclusively by the latter. Both series carry the same replacement identifying characteristic — a star prefix to the serial number.

Since both printers printed series 1943 it is important to identify the printer of these notes. While the BEP notes carry no identifying mark, the Forbes' "f," as with the German notes previously mentioned, may be found in the upper right portion of the scrowl work in the lower right of each note.

AMC, Japan

The issues of Allied Military Currency for Japan and Okinawa were also of two major types, differing in whether they have a large "A" or large "B" on the background. Originally the entire issue was printed in the United States by the BEP but as the "B" notes were used through 1958 some of the 1 and 5 yen as well as all of the 1000 yen notes were printed in Japan by the Ministry of Finance Printing Bureau. The BEP



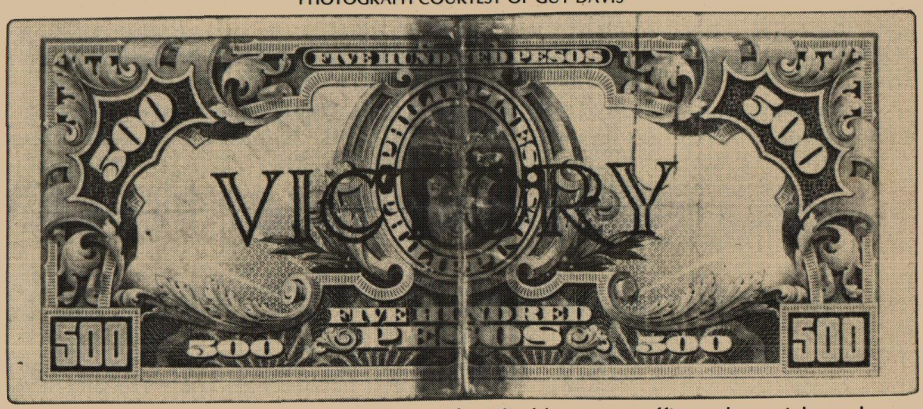
AMC Japan replacement notes may be found in two types, large "A" and large "B." These replacement notes are indicated by an H prefix to the serial number.

printed replacement notes are indicated by replacing the normal prefix letter with the letter "H." There is an exception to this system, however. The replacements of the 1 yen denomination type "B" with serial numbers ending in "B" have replacements indicated by deletion of the prefix letter altogether.

Philippine VICTORY Notes



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Philippine Victory replacement notes are identified by a star suffix to the serial number.

In addition to the Allied Military Currency described above, the survey now includes Philippine VICTORY notes. These victory notes were first carried into the Philippines on October 20, 1944, by U.S. forces commanded by General Douglas MacArthur. Victory notes were produced by overprinting series 66 Treasury Certificates with VICTORY in bold (12mm) letters on the back and twice in small letters on the face of each note. Replacement notes are indicated by using a star suffix for the serial numbers.

After the war the same VICTORY notes were again overprinted, in red, with "Central Bank of the Philippines." These Central Bank overprints are a postwar issue and are not a prime target of this survey, but information received on these notes will also be assembled.

Victory notes were issued in 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 500 peso denominations. Surprisingly, all but the 50 peso have been reported. The reported 500 peso (shown here) is certainly a rare piece, as the 500 peso note is scarce as a regular issue.

Conclusion

The MPC replacement survey is well advanced and has yielded significant results, while the survey of AMC and VICTORY notes has just begun. Significant information may be gleaned from a final survey, but only the help of collectors holding these notes will allow this to happen. When reporting your replacement note holdings be sure to 1) give the complete identification of the note including denomination, series and printer where applicable, 2) include the serial number so that ranges may be established, and 3) if possible, include the grade of the notes, though this is the least important factor. Your assistance in completing this numismatic record will be appreciated by all of us who work toward forwarding the study of history through this hobby. Write the author at Box 138, Portage, Ohio 43451.

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MAY

Denomination		Prev. Total	May Total	1976 Total
Dollars (non-silver)	Bicentennial	40,145,000	6,400,000	46,545,000
Half Dollars	dual-dated	74,689,500	24,684,000	99,373,500
Quarter Dollars	1776-1976	331,275,500	65,472,000	396,747,500
Dimes	1976 dated	340,633,500	101,228,000	441,861,500
Five-cent pieces		312,939,500	60,912,000	373,851,500
One-cent pieces		3,176,496,504	753,718,702	3,930,215,206
1976 Proof Sets (SF)		981,150	423,782	1,404,932
Bicentennial 40% Silver Proof Sets		397,583	99,727	497,310
Bicentennial 40% Silver Uncirc. Sets		551,442	98,299	649,741

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MAY

Country	Denomination	Prev. Total	May Total	1976 Total
PHILADELPHIA MINT				
Peru	1 Sol	10,560,000	—0—	10,560,000
SAN FRANCISCO ASSAY OFFICE				
Liberia	Proof 1 cent	1,000	—0—	1,000
Liberia	Proof 5 cent	1,000	—0—	1,000
Liberia	Proof 10 cent	1,000	—0—	1,000
Liberia	Proof 25 cent	1,000	—0—	1,000
Liberia	Proof 50 cent	1,000	—0—	1,000
Liberia	Proof 1 dollar	1,000	—0—	1,000



Gasparro Creates Queen Elizabeth Medal

The Albemarle-Charlottesville Bicentennial Commission has commemorated the Bicentennial visit of Queen Elizabeth II to Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, with the release of an official limited edition medal.

The medal, which commemorates the visit of the reigning monarch of the nation from whom the U.S. rebelled 200 years ago, is also significant because Queen Elizabeth II is related to the leaders of both nations in the 1776 conflict — the great, great, great, great granddaughter of King George III and the second cousin, seven times removed of George Washington. For the obverse, Gasparro created a full profile of Queen Elizabeth, facing right and wearing a diamond tiara, a wedding gift from her grandmother, Queen Mary.

Gasparro gave a contemporary heraldic motif to the reverse design, with a striding American eagle and a rearing British lion standing back to back and separated by a branch of palm, traditional symbol of peace. Completing the design are the names of the cities she is scheduled to visit on her U.S. bicentennial tour and the logo of Monticello separating the dates, 1776 and 1976.

The solid 18 kt. gold edition of the official visit medal, 1½ inch in diameter, is limited to 100 individually numbered specimens, with proof-quality finish, and available at $495. The .999 fine silver edition of the 1 1/2 inch medal, with a proof-quality finish, is limited to 5000 specimens at $25 each.

Also available is a matched presentation set of the 1 1/2 inch proof medals in 24 kt. gold on sterling vermeil, sterling silver and solid bronze in a deluxe jeweler's case. The edition is limited to 2500 individually numbered proof sets at $75.

The official medals are available by mail from Medallic Art Company, Old Ridgebury Rd., Danbury, CT 06810. Collectors should add $1.50 for insurance, postage and handling for each medal ordered.

The Case of the Missing 1973 Aluminum Cents



by Ted Schwarz, NLG
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The great non-scandal of the decade, at least so far as numismatists are concerned, is the story of what happened to the aluminum cent patterns that were given to members of Congress. The coins were struck as an experiment at the end of 1973 when the Mint officials felt that rising copper prices would soon make that metal unusable in the manufacture of coins.

Actually a tremendous number of the cents were struck by the Mint. A total of 1.57 million pieces were made using dies dated 1974. It was believed that the need for the coins would become crucial that year since the price for copper seemed to be rising without let-up. It was also believed that Congressional approval of aluminum would be swift.

Technically the aluminum coins were patterns since they were not yet authorized for general circulation. However plans were made to put 1.57 million cents into circulation the moment the go-ahead was given to change the metallic content. That is why the coins, struck at the end of 1973, bore the 1974 date.

There were two Congressional committees involved in the study and approval of the coins. The first was the Senate Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs Committee which received five specimens of the cents. Nine other coins were given to the House Banking & Currency Committee.

What happened next is the subject of great non-scandal. (My reasons for using this term will become obvious shortly). The price of copper began to drop and the economic problem that had seemed so grave was no longer of concern. Congress authorized reducing the copper content of cents if necessary but by the middle of the year the price for copper had dropped to the point where it was no longer economically necessary to consider a switch. All the aluminum cents held by the Mint were melted. But the coins in the hands of Congress remained untouched.

What efforts were made to retrieve the coins remain unclear. It appears that little was done until the case of the missing cents was revealed by columnist Jack Anderson. This was followed by a lengthy piece in the Wall Street Journal which revealed that several of the missing cents were quietly returned though some, apparently an unknown quantity, remain missing.

In theory these missing coins should point-up a major scandal. They were given to Congressional Representatives and Senators who were intimately involved with our nation's coining laws. If anyone should be familiar with the 1916 law making possession of patterns illegal (after the date of passage, earlier pattern issues can be legally owned), they are the ones. Yet they have maintained a posture of innocence about the situation.

The Mint officials refuse to commit themselves to any statements that speak ill of the people who have the coins. When I contacted the Mint I was informed in a letter from Frank MacDonald, Acting Director of the Mint, that no crime was being committed. He stated, in part:

"You may be sure that appropriate steps are being taken to assure that these coins remain in the custody of the United States Government. Even while the proposed legislation was pending, all experimental aluminum pennies in Mint custody were ordered to be melted by the Director. The pieces provided to the Committee remain in their custody and will presumably be returned to the Bureau once the Committees no longer have any need for them."

In other words, the coins were given to the Congressmen for official use. If the coins remain missing, it is only because the Congressmen aren't through with them. Of course, his letter was written more than a year after there was no longer any official consideration of the aluminum cents. And the coins had still not been given back.

A few months after I received the first letter, information came out that the FBI was investigating the matter. Senator Brooke of Massachusetts referred me to

the Director's office. Clarence M. Kelley, FBI Director, informed me in a letter:

"The FBI was instructed by the Department of Justice to consult with officials of the Bureau of the Mint about the disappearance of several prototype aluminum pennies in order to determine if there was any violation of the Federal statute governing theft of Government property. This matter is currently under investigation and therefore facts of this case cannot be discussed."

The Mint remained silent concerning these new revelations, however. Director Mary Brooks wrote to me: "We have nothing further to add to our previous correspondence with you."

I made an effort to contact every Senator and Representative connected with these committees and have had replies from almost all of them. Most of the responses indicated no knowledge of the coins at all. Others expressed statements to the effect that the coins were taken back by Mint officials. For example, Clair Burgener, Representative of California's 43rd District wrote:

"I was a member of the House Committee on Banking and Currency during the 93rd Congress, for the years 1973 and 1974. During that time I was indeed a member of the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs which handled legislation relating to the minting of U.S. coins. I do recall that one day Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, showed members of the Committee the pattern aluminum cents which you referred to in your letter. I did have the opportunity to look at them, but I never had any of them in my personal possession. The ones that were shown that day, to the best of my recollection, were taken from the room by Mrs. Brooks."

Representative Burgener had another comment in the letter which is most important to any discussion of the coins. Since there is supposed to be some question about whether or not anyone knew the importance of the patterns, it is interesting to note: "I was told at the time that they had substantial value although, not being a coin collector or knowledgeable in the field, this meant little to me at the time."

Senator William Hathaway of Maine commented: "In the Fall of 1973 the Director of the Mint, Mary Brooks, visited my office and left with me one of the sample aluminum pennies. To the best of my recollection a few days later a representative from the Mint came by the office and picked up the sample coin."

Perhaps the most humorous comment was offered by Congressman John Conlan of Arizona. The idea of debasing the metallic content of the cents did not please him at all. He said: "I remember seeing the coins, handling them briefly and cursing them a bit. Beyond that, I don't have any idea what happened to them."

Senator Bill Brock was among those who failed to see the coins despite his involvement with the bill concerning their adoption. He said:

"My records indicate that the date the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs considered the legislation to provide for the composition change was December 13, 1973. At this meeting of the full committee, which was to resume the markup of the bill that eventually became the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Senator Sparkman brought the Administration's request to our attention. I recall, there was no extended debate, only a brief explanation of the bill, before the Committee approved the measure by voice vote. To my knowledge, there were no representatives of the Bureau of the Mint or the Department of the Treasury present and no 'samples' available."

The final Congressional comment I will quote is from Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona who was not involved with the coins at all. However he responded on behalf of Senator Robert Taft of Ohio. Goldwater wrote:

"In speaking with an official at the Bureau of the Mint I was advised of the following:

1. The aluminum coins were formulated as a possible substitute to the copper pennies presently in use. This plan arose out of the copper shortage which was prevalent in 1973.

2. Aluminum coins were worked up and sent to the House and Senate Banking Committees for investigation. However, while investigations were being conducted, the copper shortage eased and it was decided to forgo plans for aluminum pennies.

3. At no time did the Bureau of the Mint ask for the return of the samples sent to the Congressional Committees and they feel there is no evidence of wrongdoing on anyone's part."

And so we have a tangled web of charges and excuses with many of the Congressional Representatives and Senators telling contradictory stories. Some say the coins were picked up by Mint officials. Others say they were given out without a request that they be returned. Some claim to know nothing about them. Others were told that they had value.

Perhaps there were different perceptions of the same incident. Or perhaps different officials were given different stories.

Since then a few of the coins have mysteriously made their way to proper authorities. A former secretary for one of the members of the Banking Committee found two of the cents in her home. She mailed them back to the Mint.

And one member of Congress "found" a coin in his ashtray which he also returned. Whether a staff member got scared and left that coin for the Congressional Representative to find or if the Representative decided his dreams of getting rich from the piece dared not be fulfilled is not known. The important point, so far as the Mint was concerned, was that the coin was returned.

Then, in April, the most recent aluminum cent revelation was made. Charles B. Holstein, a former professional staff member of the House Banking and Currency subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, announced that he had turned one of the coins over to the Smithsonian Institution where it could be displayed along with the Martha Washington pattern coins of 1965. He was quoted by David Ganz in an article in *Coin World* in which he said, "For more than six months I kept the aluminum 'penny' in my wallet. Mostly as a conversation piece, and as a reminder of the historical process that the subcommittee was deliberating on."

Apparently Holstein had made contact with Mint officials and been informed that all coins returned would be destroyed. He felt that the historical importance of the cent was too great so he sent it to the Smithsonian where it would escape destruction. It is doubtful that any effort will be made to reclaim it for melting as the Smithsonian has long displayed the illegal 1933 $20 gold piece.

What about the remainder of the coins? My personal guess is that they are knowingly retained by a person or person unknown. This person is probably either a Government official or member of a Congressional staff. It would be extremely naive of the men and women writing our coin laws to not know the laws already on the books, including the 1916 ruling declaring private ownership of patterns struck after that time to be illegal. Whether the coins were kept as a curiosity or for eventual sale at a substantial profit is also speculative.

Again making a conjecture, I'll bet that the coins quietly find their way back to the Mint in the near future. Whoever took them did not expect to have so much pressure brought by the news media and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The person probably knew that the Mint would keep a low profile since the committees receiving the samples also control the Mint's operations, and no one hurts the hand of the person who feeds him. But now that outside pressure is strong and everyone in Congress is still nervous about Watergate, the coins will probably not be considered safe to retain.

Of course there is always the chance that someone will attempt to sell the coins. If this is tried, what will the results

be? To answer that question I checked with a number of noted dealers around the country, none of whom had as yet been approached by anyone offering the cents for sale.

Most dealers felt the matter was ridiculous since no one in his right mind would buy the coins due to the law against their possession. However two of the most interesting letters follow.

The first is from Q. David Bowers of Bowers and Ruddy Galleries, Inc., of Los Angeles. He felt that reports of their potential value were exaggerated. He said, in part:

"...no pieces have been offered to us. I imagine some time will elapse before this occurs. Actually there is no reason why these coins should be of great value — for aluminum pattern cents of greater rarity from the 19th century are available on the numismatic market for several hundred dollars each."

Benjamin Stack of New York's Stack's, Inc., was quite strong in his comments. He wrote:

"We, at Stack's, *have never been offered* any of these 'infamous' aluminum cents, nor have we ever heard of anyone that has.

"Further, we would NOT hesitate to have the individual prosecuted who might offer these 'missing' coins into the market.

"Frankly, from the news account we read, we doubt if any truth exists to the entire matter. If the story is fact, a member of Congress would have to be a damn fool to offer them to the numismatic fraternity. It would be my pleasure to expose him! The publicity would be worth a good deal more than the value of an unauthorized coin."

And so, at this writing, that is where the matter stands. The 1973 aluminum pattern joins the questionable 1964 Silver Peace type Dollar as one of our most recent numismatic mysteries. Both coins once existed and both may still exist outside the Mint.

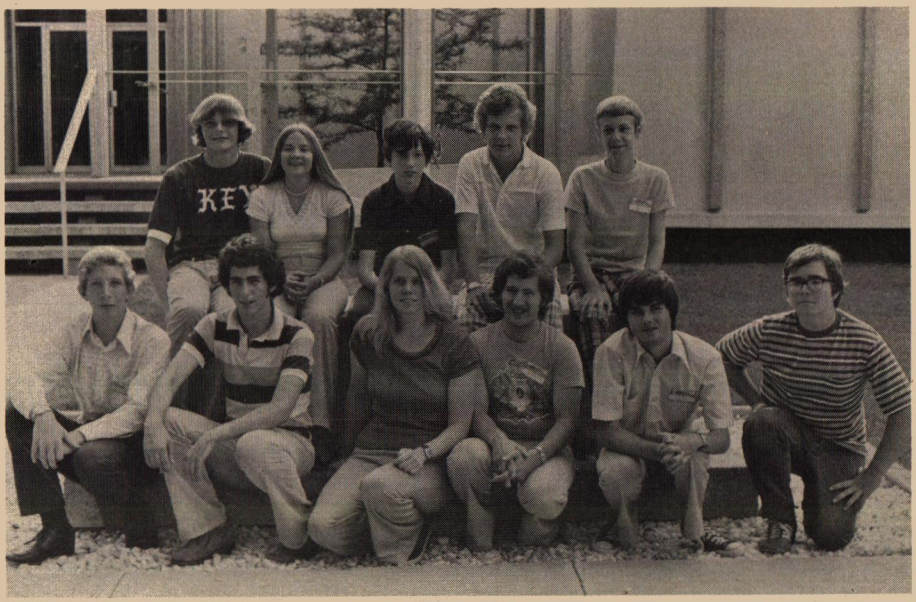
What will happen when they finally do appear, assuming that should happen? Probably confiscation, though it is hard to say. It may be that somewhere there is a wealthy collector who will obtain the coins and content him or herself with the joy of possession rather than attempting to display the pieces or profit by their resale. The coins might even pass from generation to generation until some time in the early part of the next century when an ancestor unloads the coins in public.

If such an event does occur, the passage of time may mellow the authorities and the coins may be allowed to join such illegal and/or counterfeit coins as the 1913 Liberty Head Nickel struck from genuine dies for ill-gotten gain and the 1884 and 1885 Trade Dollars. The 1884 was probably illegally struck from genuine dies but the 1885 is pure fabrication. No dies were officially produced for that date. The coins, though quite valuable, may have been produced by dishonest Mint employees but they are, technically, counterfeits. They have also never been confiscated. Obviously the great non-scandal of the 1970's will make for interesting continued controversy in the years ahead.

PNG Again Endorses ANA Grading Standards Study

The Professional Numismatists Guild board of directors at their meeting held at the Chicago-Sheraton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, April 28th, decided to once more make public their endorsement of the efforts of the ANA to establish grading standards for the numismatic industry. The PNG board is aware of the monumental task being undertaken and felt a public endorsement would once again reaffirm their position of always being in favor of any project that is collector protective.

PNG member Abe Kosoff of Palm Springs, California is currently heading the committee for the ANA to establish such standards. Mr. Kosoff is now and has in the past been offered the help of the PNG membership in any way that can be beneficial.



ANA seminar scholarship winners take a minute to relax for a group portrait. From left to right are (front row) Lee Minshull, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Gary Pfeffer, Houston, Texas; Connie Summerfeld, Los Angeles, Calif.; Thad Streeter, Wausau, Wis.; Russell Stubbert, Lathrup Village, Mich.; John Uhlir, Hacienda Heights, Calif.; (back row) Carl Anderson, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Jené Daab, San Bernardino, Calif.; David Grant, New Orleans, La.; Jim Hillmer, Madison, Wis.; and David MacPherson, Shippensburg, Pa.

Fifty-four Scholarship Winners Enjoy ANA Summer Seminar

Bring a dose of youthful exuberance to a predominately adult event were the fifty-four scholarship winners who attended this year's Summer Seminar, sponsored by the American Numismatic Association and held July 4-10 on the campus of Colorado College. Joining seventy other registrants through a week of hectic activity were eleven young numismatists who received ANA sponsored scholarships and forty-three coin collectors, aged 12 to 17, who were winners in a special Bicentennial Scholarship Program funded by the Franklin Mint Corporation.

The eleven ANA scholarships which were announced by Florence Schook, chairman of the ANA's young numismatist program, were made possible by the generous donations of the following youth minded individuals and organizations: B & B Coin Company, Fairmount, Ind. (two scholarships); Florida United Numismatists; Krause Publications, Iola, Wis. (three scholarships); Michigan State Numismatic Society; Numismatics, Ltd., Beverly Hills, Calif.; Rare Coin Investments, Inc., East Detroit, Mich.; California State Numismatic Association; and the Token and Medal Society. Two of the three scholarships sponsored by Krause Publications are selected by the Numismatists of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Young Numismatists, a senior and a junior numismatist respectively.

The Franklin Mint Bicentennial Scholarship Program, conceived by the Franklin Mint and the ANA to foster the numismatic hobby among youth, called upon young collectors from across the



Winners of the Franklin Mint Bicentennial Program scholarships pose on the steps of ANA headquarters. Shown left to right are: (front row) Karen Rosen, Auburn, Ala.; Esther Saturnino, Anchorage, Alaska; Mark Bir, Tucson, Ariz.; Scott S. Dillard, Texarkana, Ark.; Edward W. Heffner, Jr., Santa Clara, Calif.; Ken Choquette, Longmont, Colo.; Michael Baron, Ellington, Conn.; Mark Shukaitis, Wilmington, Del.; Eddie Hoynes, Plantation, Fla.; Drew Wilson, Marietta, Ga.; (second row) Kim G. MacDonald, Kaneohe, H.I.; Robert E. Juliano, Jr,.Chicago Ill.; Geoffrey G. Slaughter, Crown Point, Ind,; Howard David Snyder, Prairie Village, Kans.; David Parker Rickson, Barbourville, Ky.; Barry Allen Hill, Baton Rouge, La.; Peter John Jordan, Ellsworth, Me.; Benjie Silverman, Baltimore, Md.; Joel Beeders, Brookline, Mass.; (third row) Patricia J. Kang, Birmingham, Mich.; Dennis Alec Olson, Spicer, Minn.; Greg Marshall, Greenville, Miss.; Scott H. Fast, Springfield, Mo.; Gail A. Gueths, Lewiston, Mont.; Briggs G. Bralliar, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Dwain Alan Hicks, Tularosa, New Mex.; Narda Kirman, Flushing, N.Y.; Mike Flink, Raleigh, N.C. (fourth row) Keith Millette, Fargo, N.D.; David Brown, Reedsville, Ohio; Casey Wright, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Edward Robert Lowy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mark David Carnegie, Middletown, R.I.; LeAnne Moore, Dresden, Tenn.; Ron Doris, Houston, Texas; Bryan M. Harrington, North Pomfret, Vt.; and (top row) Christopher C. Davis, Virginia Beach, Va.; Joseph M. Klekotka, Everett, Wash.; Jan Delk, Washington, W.Va.; Stanton W. Schmidt, Wild Rose, Wis.; Laura Allen, Turo, Nova Scotia; and Eileen Vedel, San Juan, P.R. Not present for the picture was Jim Piecuch, Manchester, N.H.

United States to submit a short essay to be judged by ANA staff on "Why I Am a Collector." From over 1,000 eligible entries one winner was to be chosen from each of the fifty-two states in the union. However, eight states had no entries, and therefore provision was made to extent the contest beyond the mainland. Final winners came from 41 states and Puerto Rico and Canada, and are shown pictured here.

Edward C. Rochette, executive vice president, supervised judging of the essays, and shared some of the stories he read on how young people become interested in collecting numismatic material. Grandma's jar full of old coins, an 1837 large cent, a chance discovery of

two Liberty head nickels, and a numismatic show at a shopping mall started four young collectors on the road that led to their scholarship winning essays.

"Grandma had a whole jar of old coins, mostly Indian head pennies," said surprised winner Ron Doris of Houston. The 15-year-old started his hobby two years ago and remembers "how nice all the grown-ups were" when he began attending numismatic club meetings.

Bryan Harrington, 15, of North Pomfret, Vt., was less surprised by his winning. "I figured that coming from a less populated state, I would have a better chance than someone from California," Bryan said. After finding two Liberty head nickels two years ago, he bought a few numismatic books, and was hooked.

The Connecticut winner, Michael Baron, of Ellington, found an 1837 large cent in his grandfather's coin collection and was fascinated enough to "research the coin and learn the history of the period, and particularly the problems with the economy."

"Three years ago, the shopping mall was having a [numismatic] show and I got to looking at the coins, and picked up a book," said David Brown of Reedsville, Ohio. He then took ownership of his sister's long-forgotten penny collection, and today is an enthusiastic collector of 20th Century U.S. coins.

But the dominant theme in most of the essays seemed to be the sense of history they found in collecting these momentoes of the past, or as one essayist wrote, "the joy of being able to hold a piece of history in my hand." Charles L. Andes, chairman of the board at the Franklin Mint, was pleased by the response to the essay contest and added, "The appreciation of history seems particularly appropriate in this Bicentennial year program."

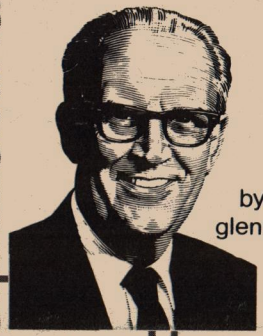
All scholarships covered the essential expenses of the week long seminar, including round-trip air fares, room and board at Colorado College for six days, and class and field trip costs. Tourist or coach airline tickets were mailed to the lucky winners.

Six classes were given this year although scholarship winners only participated in five of them. *Detection of Altered and Counterfeit Coins,* taught by Charles Hoskins, director of the ANA's certification service, John Hunter, ANACS staff member, and Ed Fleischmann of *Coin World,* is no doubt the most popular request of seminar applicants and consequently was reaching capacity long before scholarship winners were announced. It was also decided that the more elementary classes would be of greater benefit to these youngsters just getting into the hobby. Dr. Sol Taylor, well-known California numismatist, captured the interest of a majority of the scholarship winners as twenty of them joined his popular class on *Coin Grading. Collecting* came in second, as Edward C. Rochette kept the attention of thirteen of our youthful collectors with a fascinating introduction to the myriad of numismatic subjects open to collectors. Demonstrating the increased interest this year in our nation's early coinage, eleven winners requested Ken Bressett's class on *Coinage of Colonial America, before 1972,* while four students sought a return to an even earlier place in time by taking *Ancient Coins,* taught by Harlan Berk and Ed Waddell. In a course which requires a bit more technical know-how, six youths interested in the art of the camera joined others more experienced in *Coin Photography,* instructed by David Heise of Krause Publications.

Together with the annual field trips to the Denver Mint and to Cripple Creek Mining District, the classes and the evening activities, our fifty-four scholarship winners must have found the 8th Annual ANA Summer Seminar a "whirlwind week in the Rockies," and, hopefully, a week they can always remember as a rewarding and pleasurable experience.

Details of the 8th Annual ANA Summer Seminar will be published in the September issue of The Numismatist.

numismatic vignettes



by glenn b. smedley

■ The world's largest numismatic lending library continues to grow apace. During the past year more than a thousand titles were added to the card file of the ANA library and, in addition, a considerable number of duplicates of books on the shelves were acquired. Most of the publications are available to members via mail borrowing; a few are considered too rare to be exposed to possible loss in transit and so their use is restricted to members who visit the library.

The catalog issued in 1972 is, obviously, an incomplete listing of the present library holdings. Furthermore, it is out-of-print. Considerable work has been done toward production of a current catalog that will be made available to members who use the library. Blame any delay on that old bugaboo: a shortage of manpower, or as one of your officers puts it, "not enough warm bodies in our headquarters" to meet all the demands upon it. Please don't write — just watch *The Numismatist* for announcements.

■ The Franklin Mint offered to sponsor 50 young numismatists — one from each state — to the ANA 1976 summer seminar held the first full week in July. Application for a scholorship was made by writing an essay on "Why I am a Coin Collector," of 100 words or less. There were hundreds of entries although, regrettably, several states were not represented. Age limits were 11 through 17.

Many of the essays were quite good and a few contained amusing or sagacious statements: "I'm a collector for three reasons. The first one is that it's fun. I don't know why, though." "The Columbian half dollar commemorates the Columbian Expedition." "Some day I want to have a gigantic coin collection. Having a big collection will make me rich." "I'm a coin collector because my grandpa operated a tavern frequented by sailors and old men." "I like to see what kind of money people had in the olden days. The oldest coin I have is a 1911 penny."

As Casey Stengel is supposed to have said on his 75th birthday, "There's only one alternative to growing old, and I don't like it." So, youngster, we of the "olden days" forgive you.

■ Going to the ANA convention in New York? Want to see $17,000,000,000 worth of fine gold? The largest hoard of gold known to exist anywhere can be seen in vaults 80 feet below Wall Street by phoning the Federal Reserve Bank at least 24 (preferably 48) hours in advance. The (free) tours are available to individuals or groups of up to ten. The Bank is located at 33 Liberty Street, phone 791-6130.

Visitors to the vault area are often surprised to notice that there is no door at the entrance. They pass through a slot cut in a steel cylinder which, to secure the area, is rotated half way in its frame. Being tapered slightly, it is lowered in the closed position about half an inch to form a seal that is air and water tight.

Who owns the one million gold bars stored here? Some 70 different countries in all parts of the world, the largest holding being that of the Soviet Union. Don't fail to see this most valuable tourist treat in the world. Inquire at the convention registration desk for directions to the Bank.

ANACS seminar

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
CERTIFICATION SERVICE

by Charles R. Hoskins, Director

A Counterfeit "JOE"

The Brazilian 6400 Reis gold pieces of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries were popular international trade coins even in the English colonies in America. After the War of American Independence the United States gave them legal tender status which was not revoked until 1857.

These attractive coins were slightly heavier and finer than the four Escudo gold pieces issued by the Spanish-American colonies, but were commonly accepted in trade at the four Escudo rate.

Brazil first issued 6400 Reis coins in the 1720's under Portugal's King John V, and they soon became known as "Johannes" due to the presence of King John's bust on the obverse. John was succeeded in 1750 by King Joseph I, who reigned until 1777; the "Johannes" were issued in increasing numbers during his reign. Today the 6400 Reis coins of John V and Joseph I are commonly called "Joes," as are later Brazilian issues of this denomination.

The 6400 Reis series, largely ignored numismatically as recently as the 1950's, enjoys increasing popularity today ... sufficient popularity to draw the attention of counterfeiters.

The surfaces of genuine "Joes" typically are rough, with a myriad of small, protruding specks of gold — an effect commonly believed to be the result of striking with rusty dies, although ANACS suspects that rust has no relationship to the condition. This effect serves counterfeiters well, because some common defects on false gold coins are similar to the "rusty die" appearance of genuine pieces. A forger of these Brazilian gold coins can use less than perfect dies because the texture they give to the counterfeits is often difficult to distinguish from the texture of genuine specimens.

Examples of the genuine and counterfeit 6400 Reis coins of Joseph I, Bahia mint (The genuine specimen is dated 1772; the counterfeit is 1777; both bear the B mintmark at the date) show the difference in texture which distinguishes the forgery. Microphotos of the letters PORT (for Portugal) show that the field of the genuine coin is virtually flat, even within the letters. But the counterfeit has an irregular field which is most noticeable within the O.

Brazil 6400 Reis Gold Piece
Joseph I Bahia Mint



Genuine



Counterfeit



Genuine



Counterfeit

The reverses of the same two coins show significant differences. The area illustrated in the two microphotos is at the top right corner of the shield. The counterfeit shows two long, parallel depressions in the field at the bottom center of the photo, and another triangular depression at top right. These depressions are clearly characteristic of the counterfeit die, not the result of damage to the coin.

The field of the counterfeit has a granular texture, but lacks the coarser "rusted die" appearance of the genuine. Under 6 power magnification or less this difference is undetectable.

Genuine Brazilian gold coins of this period were struck in .9166 fine gold, and tests run at ANACS on approximately fifteen genuine 6400 Reis pieces resulted in specific gravity readings of approximately 17.6 to 17.95. But the specific gravity of the forgery shown here was slightly less than 17.3, revealing that .900 fine gold was used to make it.

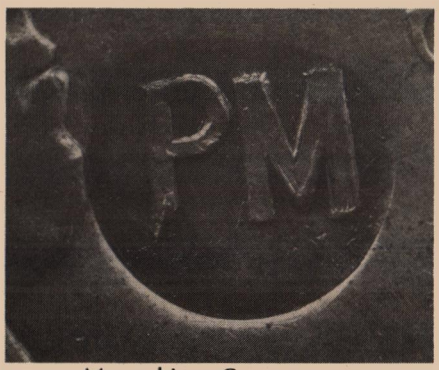
We don't know when these high quality counterfeit Brazilian gold coins were first manufactured, nor do we know whether production is continuing as you read this. But due to the difficulty of detection, ANACS is giving special attention to every 6400 Reis piece it receives for authentication, and is amassing microphotos of significant characteristics of both genuine and counterfeit specimens.

This photo file will be invaluable in future years, when the counterfeiters have further improved their forgeries. If we learn and record the precise microscopic features of genuine coins today, our ability to distinguish the superb forgeries of tomorrow from the genuine specimens will be vastly improved.

False Countermarks Seen

ANACS receives several counterstamp coins each month for authentication. While we are unable to reach a conclusion on many of them, we are able to certify some counterstamp coins. Usually we encounter false counterstamps on genuine coins, but recently we received a group of counterfeit coins with false counterstamps (one such example is pictured). As of this writing, ANACS will not issue a certificate unless both the coin *and* the counterstamp can be certified as genuine.

Note the weakness in the punch and the re-engraved letters. Another characteristic to watch for is the absence of a flat area on the reverse opposite the counterstamp.



Mozambique Counterstamp



virgil hancock's
FEATURING FAKES

Let's hear it for Dr. G. M. Croft!

Dr. Croft xerox'd my "'The-buck-stops-here!' Department" page 1222 of our June '76 issue ... my report of my complaints filed with the U.S. Postal Inspector, with the FTC, and with the U.S. Secret Service against the "$20 gold piece" as advertised nationally by The Columbia Mint, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Croft then visited the advertising manager of his local, big city newspaper which had also run the same "Columbia Mint" ad I'd considered deceptive and which also ran in *Parade* magazine which is distributed by Dr. Croft's city's newspaper.

Dr. Croft's newspaper wrote, "We are no longer accepting advertising from Columbia Mint," and the paper protested to *Parade*, "Let's all hope the Columbia Mint's 'Bicentennial Gold Piece' copy is not scheduled for future issues of *Parade*."

Dr. Croft writes, "If other ANA Members around the country contacted their editors where *Parade* is distributed, and the Post Office, as well as the Bureau of Consumer Protection, I'm sure this false advertising would cease."

So far as I've heard, Dr. Croft was the only collector in the entire land who got off his fanny and did something officially about the problem.

U.S. District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr., in Washington, DC., approved a temporary injunction against The Columbia Mint and allowed the U.S. Postal Service to intercept all mail arriving addressed to "The Columbia Mint." The Postal Inspector held all such mail for final federal court decision.

The Columbia Mint agreed then, I'm told, to include in each shipment of its "$20 gold piece" a statement admitting that its ads were not altogether correct, and to include a statement that it will offer a full refund, including postage costs, to buyers who are not satisfied.

The Washington Post reported that, according to the Postal Inspector, the "$20 gold piece" of The Columbia Mint contains only $4.68 worth of gold. Dr. George Hunter,

Chief Assayer, U.S. Bureau of The Mint, and Mr. Frank McDonald, Deputy Director of The U.S. Mint, gave assistance to the Postal Inspector. So let's also hear it for the U.S. Mint!

And, while giving credit where credit is due, let's hear it for Les Fox (editor of what I call the bread-and-butter newsletter "Coin Report" published monthly by Perera Fifth Ave, Inc.) who, in his "For Circulation" column June '76, so far as I know was the only columnist who blew the warning whistle on the ads of The Columbia Mint.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that The Columbia Mint is a one-girl office in Washington, D.C., and that some of the paper's subscribers complained that they had yet to receive a coin ordered from The Columbia Mint in April. That same newspaper reported that its letters to Peter Hammond Advertising, 964 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. the agency responsible for the advertisement, had not been acknowledged.

Question . . .

How many letters a day were those The Columbia Mint ads pulling?

"1,000 letters a day," the Postal Inspector was quoted in The Washington Post as being received, not knowing if all were orders.

Get your abacus off the shelf and do some arithmetic ...

The Columbia Mint's ads priced the "$20 gold piece" at $20, plus $2 for handling and mailing. If all the letters were orders, then 1,000 letters a day, times $22 cash with each order, seems to total $22,000 gross income each working day. With a gold cost of $4.68 for each of 1,000 orders, deduct $4,680 from a $22,000 daily "take" and you have a gross spread of $17,320. Now, still figuring 1,000 orders a day and 22 working days a month, that'd be $381,040 a month gross over metal cost.

Why, Folks, that'd be more than any of the "whizzing" sharpies are looting a year with their whizzed inventories!

A whizzing case in point . . .

Look at the Canadian silver 50 cents piece dated 1953, shown at the top of the page opposite. Photo'd through the cellophane of a two-by-two, the coin isn't going to show very clearly, but I believe you'll be able to see that there's no shoulder strap on the Queen's gown.

Advertised as "Canada 50c, 1953 LD no ss Ch. BU," this pictured piece sold for U.S. $116.00. Translated, "LD" means "large date" and "no ss" means "no shoulder strap." Translated further, the reader concludes that the coin is advertised as a "mule" ... a rarity struck on the obverse die of one type of coin, and at the same time struck on the reverse die of another issue.

On page 83 in my copy of Jim Charlton's "Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins" Jim lists the 1953 "small date" issue which has no shoulder strap, and also lists the "large date" 1953 issue which does have shoulder straps. This pictured coin, in reality, is merely a "large date" specimen on which some sharpie has whizzed away the shoulder strap from Elizabeth's gown.

Now he has his homemade "mule" with "small date" obverse and "large date" reverse, a "rarity" to entice the trusting collector!

Canadians, more experienced with Canada's half-dollar pieces, wouldn't be fooled by this tampered obverse so carefully whizzed, but most non-Canadians could be fooled, unless they magnified the obverse which then would show the whizzing very clearly where once was a shoulder strap.

"OFFICIAL"

Except for medals struck under authority of a government agency ... federal or state ... I deplore the reckless use of the word OFFICIAL to lure buyers of "Official Bicentennial" medals struck by some hastily concocted "organization" no more official than would be, say, "The Bicentennial Society for The Preservation of The Rocky Mountain Tick!"

MUSEUM DIRECTIONS

by Arthur M. Fitts III, Acting Curator

Happy Birthday USA! And a spectacular gift for the ANA! While we were all celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of our great nation, the nearly 150 participants in this year's ANA Summer Seminar acclaimed the presentation of an extremely rare pattern United States coin to your ANA museum.



Douglas Robins, rare coin dealer from Corvallis, Oregon, flew to Colorado Springs to personally make the presentation on July 4. The coin, a 1792 No Silver Center Cent, is from the famous Century sale. Struck of a "fusible alloy," or mixture of copper and silver, the piece is but one of five specimens extant. Three specimens are already impounded in public collections at the Smithsonian Institution, the Massachusetts Historical Society and Johns Hopkins University.

In presenting the cent to museum curator Arthur M. Fitts III, executive vice president Edward C. Rochette and ANA governor Adna G. Wilde, Robins made the following observations: "Due to the rarity and great historical significance of this example of early Americana, I feel that it should find a home where collectors from all over the world can come to study and enjoy it. The ANA provides just such a home here in Colorado Springs, with excellent facilities such as this famous numismatic museum. Since 1891, the ANA has provided many beneficial services to its members that have benefited the entire numismatic fraternity as well. Due to these many contributions to our great hobby, I can think of no organization who deserves this piece more." With great pleasure and pride this highly significant coin was accepted, and the extreme gratitude of the entire association was extended to Mr. Robins for his thoughtfulness and great generosity.

Assuming a prominent role in Bicentennial celebrations was the ringing of bells and references to the famed Liberty Bell which was last rung in 1835 tolling the death of John Marshall, first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. This fact brought to mind a donation of several examples of the work of Adam Pietz, among which was a 35mm x 44mm copper medal of





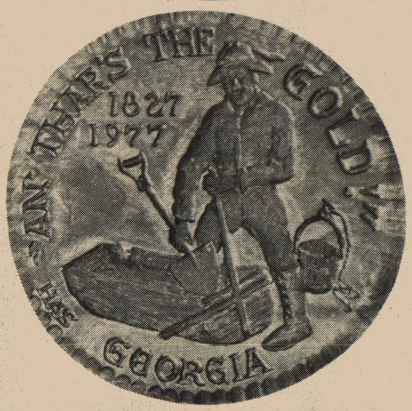
Justice Marshall. Here, too, are likenesses of Abraham Lincoln, and a very lifelike representation of a turkey proposed by Benjamin Franklin as our national bird. These medals are welcome additions to our growing collection of the work of Pietz.

Another important recent donation is that of medals honoring presidents of the New York Numismatic Club. Many distinguished numismatists have presided over this distinguished club, several of whom have also made important contributions to your association. With this year's convention scheduled for New York City, it is fitting that the likenesses of several be illustrated here, including at least two who will be in attendance. Moritz Wormser, having served as chairman of the board of governors of the association, later served five terms as its president. Edward C. Newell, a prolific writer and collector of ancient coins, is honored by a memorial award given for the finest exhibit of pre-1500 coins at the Convention. The ANA "Best in Show" Exhibit Award honors Howland Wood, a distinguished scholar in many phases of numismatics, as well











as a servant of your association in a wide range of offices. Raphael Soloman, co-author of the definite work on foreign coins which have circulated in the United States with legal tender status, will be a participant in this year's educational forum. Martin Kortjohn is a past president of the association, and was also general chairman for the most recent New York convention, 1952. For this fine collection we are indebted to Vernon L. Brown, himself a former ANA president and member of the board of governors.

Before convention medals are struck, lead squeezes or trial pieces are struck before the dies are hardened, in order that last minute adjustments or alterations can be made. Such trials for this year's medal were received just in time to be included here. And, looking ahead to the 1977 convention, we show a trial of a souvenir token, the work of H. Alvin Sharpe, which will be distributed in New York in anticipation of the Atlanta gathering.

While most museum donations are understandably United States oriented, we are also recipients of significant donations of foreign material. Thanks to the continuing generosity of an anonymous donor, we are able to accession interesting and unusual items such as the one-half Tanka shown here. From Delhi state in India, it was issued during the reign of Mohammed I [1193-1206], and we look forward to the day when we can make this and similar material available to our viewing public.

In the April issue of *The Numismatist*, a photograph of three early ANA officers was published, in hopes that some of our readers could identify them. Unfortunately, no prizes are awarded, as none of the gentlemen was correctly identified. Standing at the left is H. O. Gramberg, chairman of the board of governors; standing right is Edgar H. Adams, editor and manager of *The Numismatist;* seated is Judson Brenner, president. While the photgraph is undated, Brenner was president of your association in 1912-13.



The ANA Convention in NEW YORK

Jackson Storm, General Chairman
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Big Apple Awaits President Ford Sends Best Wishes

by David L. Ganz, LM 1072

"Activities for every collector and each member of his family." That's the watchword of the 85th Anniversary Convention of the American Numismatic Association, to open at New York City's fashionable Americana Hotel from August 24-29.

Commencing with the largest bourse selling area ever organized at any ANA convention — there are 197 dealers with tables, plus ten private mints, producers and publishers — and continuing with the most extensive exhibit area ever contemplated — the 30,000 square foot Albert Hall, which will hold more than 650 display cases — this year's show of shows promises something for everyone.

Young numismatists attending the 1976 ANA convention will have an extensive program in which to participate. A host of activities has been planned for each day of the show, ranging from a mini-seminar on counterfeiting led by John Hunter and ANA President Virgil Hancock to the educational forum presented by David Cervin. Many special tours for the junior members of the association will also be enjoyed, including an historic Bicentennial walk through lower New York, highlighted with a picnic-style luncheon at the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

Florence Schook, chairman of Young Numismatist Activities, has spared neither time nor effort in planning one of the finest junior programs in memory. She advises that there is still room on most tours for YN members. Additionally, she notes that young collectors interested in serving as convention pages should contact her immediately at Box 2014, Livonia, Michigan 45154.

Women attending the convention, whether collectors, dealers or spouses, will be pleased with the extensive activities that have been planned for them. A special hospitality room in Albert Hall, will be available to them every day of the convention except for Thursday, the traditional day for the ladies luncheon. Inside the hospitality room will be light refreshments, card tables, and lounge chairs so vital for the renewing of old acquaintances.

At the luncheon itself, a special Bicentennial treat is in store for those women attending. The site will be the Terrace on the Park, which overlooks the 1964 World Fair location, as well as that of its 1939 predecessor. From 19 stories up, with a magnificent view of the Manhattan skyline, the ladies present will have a special meal and mystery guest.

For convention Wednesday, chairladies Agnes Alones and Esther Loss have revealed that a theatre matinee luncheon-fashion show is in the works.

The locale will be the famous Barbetta Restaurant. A fashion show is an every Wednesday feature at the eatery, and afterward the lights of more than a dozen broadway shows beckon.

At the convention itself, the jammed schedule of events includes many officially and unofficially scheduled functions. For some collectors, the special ANA events will offer as much excitement as the meetings of their own splinter groups.

One meeting bound to attract attention is the special Old Time Town Meeting called by ANA President Virgil Hancock for Wednesday, August 25, in the Royal A Ballroom of the Americana Hotel. According to President Hancock, "Any member may direct any question, suggestion or criticism at anyone . . . No holds barred."

The sumptuous Saturday night banquet is another sure winner, especially at the $17.50 price. There, the Sculptor of the Year Award will be presented, the Howland Wood Best of Show Exhibit honored, and of course, the association's coveted Farran Zerbe Memorial Award given to a leading numismatist.

Exhibits at this year's convention are expected to be unparalleled. One of the key highlights undoubtedly will be the live exhibit of sculptors that is going to be in the Albert Hall site. Each day, a different sculptor will practice his craft of medallic creation. For many collectors, who have never before seen the process, it will be a fascinating educational experience.

Among the other highlights will be the displays of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's world coin program, promoting the "food for all" theme; the United States Mint exhibit; and the live currency printing display put on by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving & Printing.

Also among the exhibits will be hundreds of rare coins from virtually every country in the world. If past conventions are any guide, some of the pieces that collectors might get the opportunity to see are an 1804 silver dollar, a 1913 liberty nickel, the fabulous 1907 $20 gold pattern piece, many early proof coins, and other once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Although a 1933 double eagle was shown at the last ANA convention in New York, it is unlikely that that particular piece will again resurface: the Treasury says it is illegal to own the piece.

Another unexpected treat for those attending the convention will be the special souvenir program, prepared under the aegis of program chairman John P. Jensen of New Rochelle, New York. Collectors of Philatelic-Numismatic combinations will be absolutely delighted with the presentation.

Each of the 50 new stamps commemorating the flags of the states in the Union will be included in the program — one on each page — and they have been positioned in such a manner that the real stamp may be placed alongside of it, and then cancelled with a special convention postmark at the U.S. Postal Service Station that will be located in the exhibit area (Albert Hall). Within that same program will be found special treats and for those with an interest in the history of the New York metropolitan are, the final convention program schedule, and a lay-out of the bourse table and exhibit area, thus constituting an invaluable convention guide.

This year's auction will consist of several thousand lots spread over five working sessions. Stack's, the New York City dealer who conducted part of the auction sale at the last ANA convention in New York in 1952, and many others since then, has been selected by the board of governors to conduct the sale. All advance publicity on the offering indicates that it will include many prime pieces, including choice early proof pieces, rare gold, foreign, and ancient coins. It will serve as an excellent supplement to the multi-million dollar bourse floor offering.

For the truly adventuresome who want to explore New York on their own and do not want to limit themselves to the highlights which have already been published in *The Numismatist*, it is suggested that one of several fine

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1976

My warmest greetings to the members of the American Numismatic Association as you celebrate the eighty-fifth anniversary of the founding of your organization.

Your emphasis on the educational value of coin collecting does much to advance a fuller appreciation and understanding of the history, art and cultural life of this and many other nations.

The learning opportunity you provide establishes important insights into the heritage and customs of peoples around the world and creates bonds of friendship and understanding that enrich the entire world community.

I wish you a most successful and enjoyable meeting, and commend you on pursuing such a worthwhile hobby.

Gerald R. Ford

guidebooks be consulted. These include the *Michelin Guide to New York City,* currently selling in most bookshops for $4.95, *Fodor's Guide to New York & New Jersey,* also a $4.95 seller, or the less expensive and not quite as comprehensive Transworld Airline *TWA Getaway Guide to New York* ($1.50). Both the Michelin Guide and the Fodor's Book have a number of suggestions for trips outside the city of New York proper. Some of the tour sites recommended are easily visited by commuter train or bus, while in other instances a car is essential.

Those visiting New York for the first time will be sure to want to visit Hyde Park, Franklin Roosevelt's home, which is about a 90 minute drive from midtown Manhattan and is located near Poughkeepsie, and Sagamore Hill, his cousin Teddy Roosevelt's abode, which is about the same driving time away on the Long Island North Shore's Oyster Bay.

In the center of Long Island is a village that time appears to have been left by the wayside: Old Bethpage. It is accessible only by car, and requires travel east along the Long Island Expressway to Round Swamp Road (Exit 48), then following signs to the restored village, which has more than two dozen buildings returned to their pre-1850 style. Spread over the 209 acre tract at Old Bethpage are restored, rather than recreated buildings. An interesting sidelight for collectors is a special scrip which is used in the village, principally for purchases at the general store. An extra package is always available for sale to collectors.

In the Old Bethpage area there is a host of other interesting places to see, such as the historic Milleridge Inn, located off the Long Island Expressway at the intersection of routes 106 and 107. The inn has been serving travellers for nearly 250 years, and today it is a comfortable, cozy restaurant with a host of surrounding specialty shops that the ladies always seem to love.

Out of town visitors planning to attend the 85th Anniversary Convention may take advantage of a special toll-free number set up by American Airlines to make their air reservations, regardless of which carrier they plan to fly to New York with. After the convention is over, they can board an American Airlines jet and fly to exciting, fun-filled Aruba for a five-day/four-night package that actually costs less than ordinary tourist airfare to the island resort. The reservation package deal was set up by Paul R. Whitnah, an ANA life member and sales representative for American Airlines. For specifics, call the special toll-free number, 800-433-1790, and an American Airlines "convention specialist will make airline reservations for you, provide ticketing . . . regardless of the airlines you fly."

The efforts and time of many people have gone into preparation for this special Bicentennial year convention in hopes of making it an event that ANA members will remember with pleasure for years to come. So when you reach New York later this month, say hello to the members of your 1976 Convention Committee:

Jackson C. Storm, General Chairman
Vincent Alones, Assistant Chairman
Eugene Schmid,
Assistant Chairman & Secretary
Morris Bram, Honorary Chairman
Alfred S. Yatkowitz, Treasurer
Robert & Dee Hawes, Exhibits Chairmen
Emil & Irma Voigt, Pre-registration Chairmen
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John P. Jensen, Program Chairman
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Ernest Bain, Scheduling Chairman
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Geneva Karlson, Librarian



Larins

Primitive money often evolved from the use of necessity commodities as items of barter. Fish hooks and wire were some of the highly sought after items along the coast and in the islands of Asia. Both were exceedingly valuable in the process of daily living. Larins are believed to be derived from one or both of these barter items and are often called fish hook money.

The name larin is taken from Lar in Laristan, a city located on the trade route along the Persian Gulf. They are made of silver wire doubled and bent into the shape of fish hooks and were more valuable than the cowrie shell. They appeared in the 16th century throughout the Indian empire and into Ceylon and the Maldives. Larins were a popular and convenient medium of exchange and were still used well into the 1800s.

There are several variations most of which were struck on both sides with a die consisting of Arabic or Persian legends.

The following books may be borrowed from the ANA library for further reading:

QB20 M6	Mosher, S.	**The Story of Money as Told by the Knox Collection**
QB30 G5	Gibbs, H.	**Odd and Curious Money of the World**
QB30 S5	Sigler, P.	**Strange Money of the World**
QB40 Q5	Quiggin, A.	**A Survey of Primitive Money**

Final Deadline Nears for Convention Medal

August 29 marks the final deadline for all orders of the ANA .900 fine gold ¾ inch convention medal and ¾ inch 10 kt. gold registration badge which are being offered to members and conventioneers commemorating the event of the ANA's 1976 85th Anniversary Convention. Deadline for orders to be received in time for convention *has passed,* and any order placed now will be received following the convention.

Orders must be prepaid and should be sent separately from orders for regular convention issues. Orders should be accompanied by full remittance: $105 for the medal and $45 for the badge, payable to the American Numismatic Association and addressed to ANA Special Medals, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Be sure to provide your accurate mailing address.

library news book reviews

All books listed here are available to members on a loan basis from the ANA library. Loan requests should list the book's catalog number.
Members wishing to purchase these books can quite often acquire them from a dealer more quickly and easily than from a publisher. In other cases, write to the address listed with each book.

RA10 N6 MEDALS AND PLAQUETTES FROM THE MOLINARI COLLECTION AT BOWDOIN COLLEGE by Andrea S. Norris and Ingrid Weber. 1976. 292 pp. Illus. Hard Cover. Wesleyan University Press, Middletown, CT 06457. $40.

The Molinari collection of medals and plaquettes was given to Bowdoin College in 1966 by Amanda Marchesa Molinari and its breadth and quality establishes the Bowdoin Museum as one of the major study centers in the Americas for this form of art. The Molinari collection, containing more than 1500 medals and plaquettes, also ranks as one of the three largest public collections in North America. The European medal is represented from the Italian Renaissance through the 19th century and contains a large group of Italian and French medals dating after 1600. More than 100 of the 789 illustrations in this book have never been published.

CC65 S5 1975 MODERN SILVER COINAGE 1975. 1976. 77 pp. Paper Cover. The Silver Institute, 1001 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. $5.

Alphabetically arranged by the country of issue, this publication provides complete information on all silver coins issued during the calendar year 1975. The coins are briefly described by denomination and the following information is given in chart form: percent pure silver; troy ounces silver per coin; number of coins in issue; troy ounces pure silver in issue. A summary chart gives information as to the number of silver coins issued by each country, the total face value in the currency of the issuing country, and the amount of pure silver used in troy ounces.

AA70 W4 1976 CLEANING AND PRESERVATION OF COINS AND MEDALS by Gerhard Welter. 1976. 117 pp. Hard Cover. Sanford J. Durst (Publisher), 133 East 58th St., New York, NY 10022. $10.50.

This is a publication that was originally written in German and subsequently published as an English translation in 1965. Mr. Durst is offering an expanded reprint of this translation. The main portion of the book is devoted to a discussion of the merits and necessities of the cleaning of coins, a description of coinage metals, and a treatise on the many methods of coin cleaning and preservation. An addition is the inclusion of "Paper Money Restoration and Preservation" by James J. Curto which is an ANA reprint from *The Numismatist.*

CC53 B7 WORLD COUNTERMARKS ON MEDIEVAL AND MODERN COINS; an anthology edited by Gregory B. Brunk. 1976. 401 pp. Illus. Hard Cover. Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union St., Lawrence, MA 01804. $30.

As quoted from the publisher "there is no better source for material on countermarks than *The Numismatist.*" Eighth in the series "Gleanings From The Numismatist" and containing approximately 50 articles from the ANA journal on the subject of countermarks, this book is a general reference for both the novice and the more experienced collector. It contains F. G. Duffield's "A Trial List of Countermarked Modern Coins of the World," with a revision by the editor, and Howland Wood's "The Coinage of the West Indies with Especial Reference to the Cut and Counterstamped Pieces," also revised. Of added value is the foreword, supplementary bibliography and price guide by Mr. Brunk.

The following listed books are new editions of standard works, new volumes in a current series, or reprints of out of print editions.

CC63 U4 HANDBOOK OF GOLD COIN TECHNOLOGY by William R. Verbanec. 1974. 242 pp. Loose leaf. William R. Verbanec Enterprises, 3875 Prumeridge Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051. $16.96. Supplements #1 and #2 for 1975 (160 pp.) $3.50/year. Binder $5.75.

GB20 082 SILVER DOLLAR ENCYCLOPEDIA, by Jim Osbon. 1976. 271 pp. Paper Cover. Headquarters Publishing Co., P. O. Box 4886, Richmond, VA 23229. $15.

US20 03 1975 THE STANDARD HANDBOOK OF MODERN UNITED STATES PAPER MONEY by Chuck O'Donnell. Fifth edition. 1975. 334 pp. Soft Cover. Center Printing, P.O. Box 654, Turnerville, NJ 08012. $15.

JG30 K5 DEUTSCHES MUNZPREIS-JAHRBUCK 1976. 714 pp. Hard Cover. Battenberg Verlag, 8000 Munchen 71, Faustnerweg 12, Germany. Please write for price.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

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VA40 S5		Short stories on money and banking	n.d.
VA45 M8	Muscalus, J.	The use of banking enterprises in the financing of public education	1945
VA60 N7L3	Lanier, H.	A century of banking in N.Y., 1822-1922	1922
VA70 W6K7	Krueger, L. B.	History of commerical banking in Wisconsin	1933
VD10 N3	Natl. Monetary Commission	Publications of the National Monetary Commission 23 vols.	1909-1912
VE30 B3	Banyai, R. A.	Money and banking in China and Southeast Asia during the Japanese military occupation	1974
VM45 C5	Check Collectors Round Table	Security printers	1974
VM50 H6	Hoffman, E. E.	Billion dollar check racket	1964
VM90 R9J6	Johanson, E.	Type register of checks, money orders, bons, talons and coupons in the Soviet Union, 1917-1924	1971
WB50 E7	Ernst, J. A.	Money and politics in America 1755-1775	1973
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YOUNG NUMISMATIST NEWS

Roman Coin Project

by David R. Cervin, ANA 65523

Did you ever hear of the Kailua Koin Club (a cute name)? Or Kim MacDonald? Undoubtedly not. But you have heard of our fiftieth state, the Hawaiian Islands, which is where Kim and the KKC are located.

Now what has Kim done to earn the accolade as junior numismatist of the month? Here is her record:

1. #23 to earn all four Roman coins
2. # 4 to earn all four Roman coins at one time
3. # 1 to earn all four Roman coins *outside* the Continental United States.

To add frosting to the cake, remember that coin of Cleopatra and Antiochus VIII, struck around 100 B.C. and described in the April YNN column? Well, Kim was the first to earn four coins after this announcement and therefore she received this coin as a bonus. In addition to this little gem, Kim can proudly point to a *Constantine I* (307-337), a *Constantius II* (337-361), a *Gallienus* (253-268), and a *Cyme* in *Aeolis*, a Greek coin struck around 250 B.C.

Kim is quite philosophical about her ancient coins. She writes, "To hold a coin that is over two thousand years old and still be able to see beautiful figures of a crushed ancient civilization is awesome. To think of a man pounding out each coin individually thousands of years ago, I wonder if he could ever have imagined what would happen to it two thousand years later. I wonder what people will do with our coinage two thousand years from now."

These five coins must have cost Kim a small fortune. Or did they? No, in fact, it didn't cost her anything in dollars and cents. She merely exhibited, served as an officer in her coin club, assisted in a coin show, and completed the YNCC. Can you earn similar coins? Of course you can. Merely write David R. Cervin, 6201 Adirondack, Amarillo TX 79106 and request a Roman Coin Request Form. But do it *immediately* and don't forget to fill the form out and return it.

Speaking of special coins (Cleopatra), remember the four Roman coins showing the she-wolf suckling the babes Romulus and Remus (January YNN)? As you might suspect they went fast. Well, I have secured two more and they, as before, will go to the first two earners of coins who request them. Clearly, they won't last long.

It appears that Category 3, Literary, is a stumbling block for a number of juniors in earning Roman coins. It shouldn't be. A good way to handle this facet of the program is to write *anything* on coins that interests you, and then send your write-up to Connie Somerfeld, 4107 Dan Diablo Drive, Los Angeles CA 90008. Connie is editor of the INKSPOT, the official organ of the JNCCA, a junior numismatic club run by and for juniors. Their annual dues are ridiculously low, a couple of dollars a year which includes a subscription to the INKSPOT. They are always looking for new young writers, and you don't have to have *any* experience to be accepted by them.

Incidentally the JNCCA is no fly-by-night organization. Co-founded in 1967 by Dean Hansell and Fred Wersan, it is now almost ten years old, no small feat for any junior group. As you might suspect Dean and Fred were the first two editors of the INKSPOT, though not so named at the time.

Here is another way to earn that Roman coin for literary achievement. According to *The Numismatist*, 1400 juniors requested applications for the

Bicentennial Scholarship Program of the ANA. A key requirement to obtain a scholarship was to write an essay on "Why I am a Collector." Now obviously only a small per cent of these 1400 juniors won a scholarship, but all (winners and losers alike) can earn a Roman coin by having their essays published. Where published? How about the INKSPOT? Or how about in your own monthly club bulletin? The Roman Coin Project is *not* competitive. There are, of course, ground rules to follow. Just write for that RCRF.

Medal Series Honors "Tall Ships"



A Bicentennial official issue of sterling silver medals commemorating *Operation Sail '76*, were placed in worldwide distribution to collectors, boating enthusiasts and the general public. Operation Sail took place on July 4th with a sail parade of international "Tall Ships" through New York Harbor.

Over 200 sailing ships from 30 nations participated in the New York City maritime parade. Of these, the stars were the famous "Tall Ships" — three and four-masted square riggers — in the largest gathering of these classic windjammers in the last 150 years.

Fourteen medals comprise the *Operation Sail* commemorative issue. Each is a sailing tribute to the United States on our Bicentennial.

The reverse side of each flawless medal bears the *Operation Sail* seal and the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration symbol. This symbol recognizes *Operation Sail '76* as an official national Bicentennial event. On the obverse is the image of one of the "tall ships" under full sail and the flag of the nation she represents.

Each medal is .925 fine sterling silver. The medal honoring the American bark "Eagle" is the largest, 50mm, measuring almost two inches in diameter and weighing two troy ounces. Each of the other 13 medals measures 40mm, one and five-eights inches in diameter and weighs one troy ounce.

A limited edition of 1,000 complete sets of the 14 medals for the United States is being offered at $336 accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity from 1 to 1000. In addition, the buyer of the complete set will receive his own handsome bronze bulkhead plaque identical to that presented to each of the participating vessels on July 6.

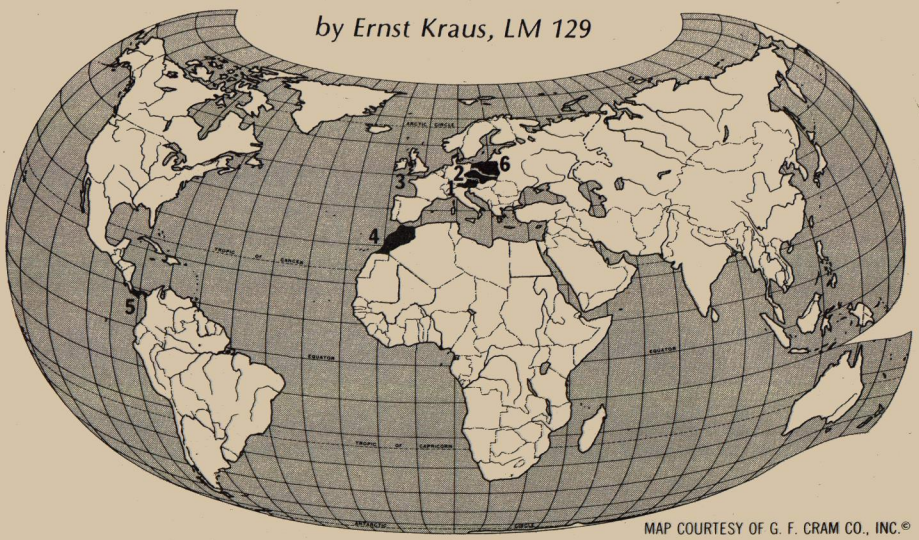
The individual "Eagle" medal is available at $37 with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity beginning at 1001. The remaining 13 medals are individually priced at $23 each. The full set and individual medals will be delivered in a beautiful, hand made, nautical canvas presentation cases emblazoned with the Operation Sail seal. Every order will be accompanied by a FREE copy of the official 70 page color souvenir program of Operation Sail 1976 activities including a history, pictures, and details on all the participating tall ships.

Orders for the medals will be by mail addressed to OP SAIL 1976 Official Distribution Center, P.O. Box 61-1976, North Miami, Florida 33161. There will be an additional charge of $6.50 for the full 14-medal set, $4.50 for single medals, and $6.50 for 2 or more individual medals to cover shipping, handling and insurance.

These medals are being distributed simultaneously in many countries by Italcambio on behalf of Operation Sail 1976.

NEW AND RECENT ISSUES

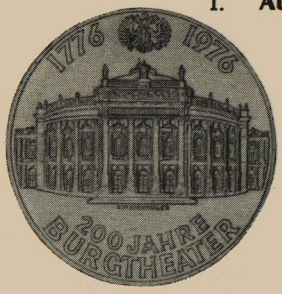
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It is the important duty of *The Numismatist* to record and illustrate new coins. To accomplish this, ANA members in the United States and abroad are invited to submit new issues to Ernst Kraus, Room 939 (include room number in address), 393 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10001. Coins will be photographed and returned as soon as possible, and a credit line will be given to anyone assisting.

1. Austria





Y-145. 100 Schilling, 1976. Vienna mint, Silver. Obverse: Front view of the Burgtheater in Vienna, designer's name below: TIEFENTHALER. Legend below: 200 JAHRE BURGTHEATER, on top the Austrian Arms of the Habsburg Emperors between dates: 1776 - 1976. Reverse: Value in the center surrounded by ten Provincial shields. Outside legend around: REPUBLIK OESTERREICH. Diameter: 36 mm. Weight:

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the former Imperial Burgtheater.

2. Czechoslovakia

Y-101. 100 Koŕun, 1976. Kremnica Mint, Silver .700. Obverse: Portrait to right, his name at right: JANKO KRAL. Dates below: 1876-1976. Designer's initials look like A. P. at left. Reverse: Arms in shield form in center, value below: 100 KCS. Legend around: CESKOSLOVENSKA SOCIALISTICKA



REPUBLIKA. Diameter: 33 mm. Weight: 15 gr. Edge:

Janko Kral was a Slovakian poet of the romantic generation of the nineteenth century, who was born in 1822 and died in 1876.



3. Isle of Man

Y-16. ½ Penny, 1976. Bronze. Obverse: Portrait of the Queen to right, P.M. mintmark for Pobjoy at lower left, date 1976 below. Legend around: ELIZABETH THE SECOND. This obverse design appears on all the following values. Reverse: A fish superimposed on a map of the island. Legend above: ISLE OF MAN, value below: HALF PENNY. Diameter: 17 mm. Weight: 1.78 gr. Edge: Plain.

Y-17. 1 Penny, 1976. Bronze. Reverse: A mountaingoat superimposed on a map of the island. Legend above: ISLE OF MAN, value below: ONE PENNY. Diameter: 20.2 mm. Weight: 3.56 gr. Edge: Plain.

Y-18. 2 Pence, 1976. Bronze. Reverse: A large bird in flight over a map of the island. Legend above: ISLE OF MAN, value below: TWO PENCE. Diameter: 25.8 mm. Weight: 7 gr. Edge: Plain.



Y-19. 5 Pence, 1976. Cupro-Nickel. Reverse: A waterwheel superimposed on a map of the island. Legend above: ISLE OF MAN, value below: FIVE PENCE. Diameter: 23.5 mm. Weight: 5.7 gr. Edge: Reeded.



Y-20. 10 Pence, 1976. Cupro-Nickel. Reverse: A triskelion superimposed on a map of the island. Legend above: ISLE OF MAN, value below: TEN PENCE. Diameter: 28.4 mm. Weight: 11.5 gr. Edge: Reeded.



Y-21. 50 Pence, 1976. Cupro-Nickel. Reverse: An ancient Viking galley or warship superimposed on a map of the island. Legend above: ISLE OF MAN,

value below: FIFTY PENCE. Diameter: 30 mm. Weight: 13.5 gr. Edge: Plain. Planchet: 7 sided.



4. Morocco

Y-67. 50 Dirhem, 1975. Silver. Obverse: Head of King to left, legend at right: HASSAN THE SECOND, at left: KINGDOM OF MOROCCO. Reverse: A woman's hand superimposed on a dial, an ornament below, all between Gregorian and Mohammedan dates: 1975 — AH. 1395. Value below: FIFTY 50 DIRHEM. Legend on top: THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR WOMAN. Diameter: 42 mm. Weight: 35.5 gr. Edge: Milled.



5. Panama

Y-43. 150 Balboas, 1976. Platinum. Obverse: Portrait of Simon Bolivar to left between dates: 1826 - 1976. The name SIMON BOLIVAR at left, legend around: SESQUICENTENARIO DEL CONGRESO DE PANAMA. Reverse: Arms in center, value below: 150 Balboas. Legend above: REPUBLIC DE PANAMA. Diameter: 26 mm. Weight: 9.30 gr. Struck by the Franklin Mint.



6. Poland

Y-77. 20 Zlotych, 1975. Cupro-Nickel. Obverse: Profile of a woman to left with dove, symbolizing International Womans Year. Legend around: MIEDZYNARODOWY ROKKOBILT. Reverse: Polish eagle between date 1975, value below: ZL. 20 ZL. Legend around: POLSKA RZECZPOSPOLITA LODOWA. Diameter: 29 mm. Weight: 10 gr. Edge: Reeded.

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WORLD COIN NEWS

NICARAGUA — *Coins Issued Honoring U.S. Bicentennial*





The Republic of Nicaragua announced a new issue of commemorative coins in .900 fine gold and .925 fine silver that are legal tender in the Republic of Nicaragua. The new commemorative issue consists of seven coins: gold coins in denominations of 2,000, 1,000, 500, and 200 cordobas, and silver coins of 100, 50 and 20 cordobas The exchange rate during the last quarter century has been 7 cordobas equal to $1 U.S. dollar.

These coins are to be issued in both brilliant uncirculated and proof up to the maximum face value of 100,350,000 cordobas. This issue is strictly limited. The dies will be destroyed when authorized quantities are struck. All of the new coinage will be struck by the Royal Mint in London.

The designs of some of these coins were specially made with the firm purpose of perpetuating gratefulness to the Governments and people of the world for the spontaneous and valuable help they gave to the Government and people of Nicaragua, as a result of the December 23, 1972 earthquake which destroyed its capital of Managua.

Other designs were also determined and specifically authorized to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Independence of the United States of North America, thereby honoring the Government and people of that great country.

UNITED KINGDOM — *104th Report of the Royal Mint 1973-74*

The Royal Mint today records a continued and growing interest in coins for the collectors' market both at home and abroad. In addition to the two bureaux in this country and North America which deal directly with the public, agencies have been established in Australia, Japan, West Germany and Scandinavia. During the year 1973-74 over 2 million proof coins were struck.

Details of the year's work of the Royal Mint are set out in the 104th Report of the Deputy Master and Comptroller, covering the period April 1973 to March 1974, published in May, 1976.

Coins for Normal Circulation

A total of 859 million coins was struck, comprising 92 denominations for 33 different countries. For the United Kingdom, 624 millions were produced in the following denominations: 50p — 12.5 millions, 10p— 95.3 millions, 1p — 223.8 millions, ½p — 292.7 millions. For overseas countries, a total of 235 millions was produced. A further

115 millions were struck for overseas customers under sub-contract by private mints in Birmingham.

Proof Coins

A further 74,293 sets of United Kingdom £sd coins were struck, bringing the total for this particular issue to 730,610 sets. A start was made on production of proof sets of the first decimal coins of 1971 date — 190,684 sets were struck. It is intended to produce sets bearing successive dates. A further 259,980 proof 50p coins of the 1973 EEC design were also struck. For six overseas countries 31,307 proof coins were struck. By the end of the year the production of proof coins at the Tower Hill Mint had ceased and all future issues will come from the new Mint at Llantrisant.

Medallions

The order for sets of 39 "Freedom" medals, depicting scenes from American History, was completed. Altogether 4,550 sets of these medals were issued, of which 2,063 sets were gold plated. 94,096 other medals for official and private awards were struck.

Seals

Sixty-seven new and replacement seals were made for 17 Government Departments.

UNITED STATES — *Bicentennial Coins Now in Demand Worldwide*

From Japan to Romania, foreign countries increasingly are sharing in America's Bicentennial by purchasing millions of dollars of uncirculated and proof sets of the nation's historic new coinage.

In the most recent overseas purchase, a bank in Taiwan, China, paid the U. S. Mint $1,750,000 for 250,000 sets of the special 40% silver Bicentennial coin sets. Orders have also been received from such countries as Ireland, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, West Germany, Norway, France, Tunisia, Turkey, Finland, Iran, Austria, Romania and Japan, according to the Mint.

Under the Congressional directive, the Mint is producing for general circulation an estimated 1.6 billion quarters, 550 million half dollars and 300 million dollars. Additionally, it is producing 15 million sets of uncirculated and proof coins for sale to the public. Already some seven million of the sets have been purchased here and abroad.

To increase availability of the coins, the Treasury is marketing them through banks and other financial institutions across the country. But they may also be purchased directly from the U.S. Mint in San Francisco.

Explaining the mounting overseas interest in the Bicentennial coinage, Mint officials said, "In many respects, the purchases reflect a salute to America and for what it stands. Freedom and independence are universal dreams, and people around the world apparently want to share the 200th anniversary of our good fortune with us."

. . . Military Bicentennial Medals Released

The Bureau of the Mint joins the Secretary of the Army, Martin R. Hoffman, and the Secretary of the Navy, J. William Middendorf II, in announcing that national medals in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the United States Army, the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps have been added to the Mint's National Historical Medals list and are available for sale to the public. The striking of the three medals by the U. S. Mint was authorized by Public Law 94-117 dated October 17, 1975.

The obverse and reverse designs for the U. S. Army medal, which commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Army established June 14, 1775, were provided by the Institute of Heraldry, U. S. Army. The obverse design depicts a soldier of the 1770s and one of the modern era. The reverse design consists of the interior portion of the Department of the Army plaque design, based on the Department of the Army seal that has been in continuous use since the 1770s. The obverse design was executed by Matthew Peloso and the reverse by Philip E. Fowler, both on the engraving staff at the Philadelphia Mint.



The designs for the U. S. Navy and U. S. Marine Corps medals, in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Navy on October 13, 1975, and the Marine Corps on November 10, 1975, were provided by the noted California artist and sculptor Hal Reed.

The sloop ALFRED, flagship of the First American Fleet serving in the Continental Navy from 1775 to 1778, is depicted on the obverse of the Navy medal together with the symbolic American eagle alight upon the anchor and the stars and stripes. The reverse shows the modern nuclear Navy, air, surface and submarine configuration,

emanating from the nucleus of the hydrogen atom. The obverse design was executed by Edgar Z. Steever and the reverse by Matthew Peloso, both of the Philadelphia Mint.

The design of the U. S. Marine Corps medal commemorates the 200 year history of the Corps, from the Continental marine of 1775 to the modern marine of today. The obverse depicts the first major action of the Continental marines, the landing at New Providence in the Bahamas on March 3, 1776. The design shows the marines of the landing force occupying Fort Montagu following the landing. In addition, the emblem of the Corps, the anchor and globe, are superimposed on the scene. The reverse depicts the continuing role of the modern marine in action, still essentially a rifleman, maintaining those traditions of readiness, esprit de corps and loyality that have been the hallmark of the Marine Corps since 1775. S. Joseph Winter of the Philadelphia Mint executed both the obverse and reverse of the Marine Corps Bicentennial medal.

Frank Gasparro, Chief Engraver-Sculptor of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa., supervised the execution of the designs of all three medals.

The bronze medals are 3 inches in diameter and may be purchased over-the-counter at the Main Treasury Building, Washington, D. C.; the Philadelphia Mint, the Denver Mint and the Old Mint in San Francisco, at $6 each. They are also available by mail order at $6.25 each from: The Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, CA 94175. The remittance must accompany the mail order. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Bureau of the Mint. Please do not send cash.

On the National Historical Medals List, the U. S. Army Bicentennial medal is item No. 429; the U. S. Navy Bicentennial medal is item No. 534, and the U. S. Marine Corps Bicentennial medal is item No. 535.

The Bureau of the Mint gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Departments of the Army and the Navy and the Bicentennial Offices of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps in developing these commemorative medals.

. . . Final Strikes of Silver Bicentennial Coins

On June 22, Mint Director Mary Brooks activated the presses at the San Francisco Assay Office to strike the last of the 45 million 40% silver Bicentennial coins ordered by Congress to celebrate the 200th anniversary of American Independence.

It was the intent of Congress to make the silver Bicentennial coins available to as many people as possible. To date, almost half of the coins — 21.7 million pieces — have been purchased by the public both here and abroad.

The Mint is still receiving and accepting mail orders for the special silver coins. Additionally, in a departure from custom, the silver Bicentennial proof and uncirculated sets are available over-the-counter at Mint outlets at the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C., the U. S. Mints at Philadelphia and Denver, the Old Mint in San Francisco and at the Bicentennial Exposition on Science and Technology, Kennedy Space Center, Florida. Financial institutions in this country and abroad are also offering the uncirculated Bicentennial silver coin sets to their customers.

Public Law 93-127, approved October 18, 1973, provided for the new coinage designs and date emblematic of the Bicentennial of the American Revolution for the reverses of the dollar, half dollar and quarter. The law also ordered the production of 45 million silver-clad specimens of the Bicentennial coins. The three new designs are the winning entries in a nationwide Bicentennial coin design competition. A colonial drummer was selected for the back of the quarter, Independence Hall for the half dollar and a Liberty Bell-moon combination for the dollar. The coins are dated 1776-1976.

The Mint has produced the Bicentennial silver coins in both proof and uncirculated condition and packaged them in three-piece sets. The proof set is $12 per set and the uncirculated is $9 per set. Additionally, a bulk rate of $7 per set for the uncirculated sets is available when ordered in multiples of 50 sets.

Individual mail orders for the proof and uncirculated sets should be sent to: Bureau

of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175. Address bulk rate orders with certified checks to: Bulk Rate Bicentennial Coin Program, P. O. Box 550, San Francisco, California 94101. There is no limit on the number of Bicentennial silver coin sets that may be ordered. Please make checks or money orders payable to the Bureau of the Mint.

. . . Modification of Tour Hours at BEP in Washington, D.C.

Mr. James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing announced the modification of the Bureau's system of admitting visitors to its tour facility in order to accommodate the unusual volume of tourists incident to the Bicentennial.

The Bureau is open for tours each day, Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The complete tour requires approximately 25 minutes.

Admission tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning at 8 a.m. for morning tours, and 12:30 p.m. for afternoon tours. Notices will be posted at whatever time all available tickets are issued to preclude purposeless waiting by those who arrive after that time. Tickets will be honored on the date of issue only.

A special tour staff has been established to assist visitors to the Bureau and a 24-hour tour information service has been installed. Current information on the Bureau's tours can be obtained by dialing 202-WO4-7611 or 202-WO4-7173.



McKenzie "TRIBUTE TO THE OLYMPICS" Restruck

The International Numismatic Agency, East River Savings Bank Building, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City, New York 10012 announces the availability for the first time to the public of the famous Robert Tait McKenzie "Tribute to the Olympics" art medallion.

The three inch art medallion, minted in deep relief at Medallic Art Company, was originally modeled for the Swedish Olympic Games of 1912 held in Stockholm. Never before made available to the public, examples may be found in the Yale University Art Gallery, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge in England, Amherst College, City Art Museum of Saint Louis, and the National Gallery of Canada in Ottowa.

Dr. Robert Tait McKenzie, (1867-1938) noted author and professor of physical education, specialized in sculpturing the human body and figures of athletes engaged in all manners of sports. He sought to reproduce as accurately as possible the lean nervous physique of American young men and he gained artistic fame for his scientific approach to figure studies.

The "Tribute to the Olympics Medallion" now available to collectors and coinciding in release with the commencement of the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada is issued in a bronze edition priced at $17.50 each and a .999 fine silver edition priced at $145 each.

All orders or requests for additional information on the "Tribute to the Olympics" medallion, which portrays the idealization of sports and athletics, should be directed to: International Numismatic Agency, 225 Lafayette St., New York City, New York 10012.

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NJ Financial History Via Currency Exhibit

An exhibition of currency telling the financial history of New Jersey opened in mid-June at the Newark Museum. *Currency of New Jersey* features paper notes issued by governments, local business establishments, banks and even individuals from Colonial days through the mid-20th century.

The major section of this Bicentennial exhibit, which continues through October, is devoted to obsolete bank notes and old scrip issued during the 19th century in New Jersey communities, especially where there was a shortage of "hard cash." Many notes are decorated with engravings which document local life and scenes that no longer exist. An interesting aspect is the sizeable number of counterfeit, spurious and altered currency produced in the State. Obsolete notes are also known as "broken bank notes," so named because the banks had "gone broke" and failed.

The work of artists, especially as engravers, will also be displayed through the medium of currency. An engraving by Maplewood artist, Asher B. Durand, appears on a $1 bill issued by the Monmouth Bank of Freehold on March 10, 1828. The bill bears a center vignette with George Washington on horseback at the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778. Durand was apprenticed to and became a partner in the Newark firm of Peter Maverick, the foremost letter engraver in America. Durand's engraving of John Trumbull's "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence" was reproduced this spring on the re-issued $2 bill.

A piece of politically-satirical currency issued in the State is on view. Many examples of scrip for fractional amounts of less than $1 are also displayed. Similar to bank checks, these were signed by individuals and small businesses with good credit ratings when coins were scarce during the War of 1812, the Panic of 1837, the Civil War and the Great Depression of the 1930's. Such scrip was also common whenever and wherever hard cash and coins were either hoarded or scarce.

The exhibition closes on October 31, 1976, after which it travels to the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton. *Currency of New Jersey* was coordinated by Dorothy Budd Bartle, Curator of the Coin Collection, who is currently editing a comprehensive listing of New Jersey money to be published by the Newark Museum.

The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street. Admission is free.

Ganz Bicentennial Coinage History Available in Book Form

New coin designs that pay tribute to 200 years of American freedom are the subject of a new book, *14 BITS,* just published by Three Continents Press. Authored by David L. Ganz, a special correspondent for *Coin World, Coinage Magazine* and *Numismatic News* Weekly, the work provides a complete history of the new coinage.

The reverse of the quarter, half dollar, and dollar each contain bicentennial designs created at the direction of Congress. *14 BITS* traces the creation of the coinage from 1966, when it was first proposed, to 1975, when the special coins were finally struck.

The four chapters first appeared in *The Numismatist* (Mar., Apr., May, June, 1975), but the revised book has been expanded to include all relevant documents connected with the commemorative coinage.

The title of the book comes from the old Spanish piece of eight, each portion of which was worth 12 1/2 cents, or a "bit." Since the total value of the three new bicentennial coins — dollar, half dollar, and quarter — is $1.75, we have "14 bits."

Included in the book are numerous references to documents, Congressional hearings, meetings of the bicentennial commission, and a general tracing of the legislative history of the

bicentennial coinage proposals. It is the first comprehensive examination of how Congress has made a bill into law in more than a generation.

14 BITS will be available in paperback ($5) and hardcover ($8) editions. A discount of 20% is offered to individual purchasers through the end of the bicentennial year, copies prepaid. Group orders of ten copies or more, prepaid, will receive a 30% discount. Orders should go to Three Continents Press, 4201 Cathedral Avenue, Washington D.C. 20016.

Boys Town PhilaMatic Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary

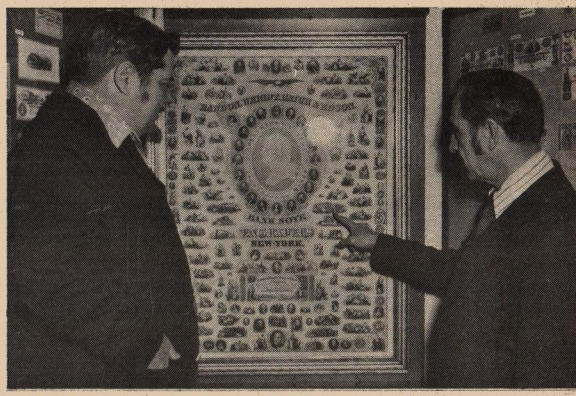
At an open house held July 1st, the Boy's Town PhilaMatic Center celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Guests were able to see the nearly 5,000 coins, tokens and medals the Center exhibits. Along with these items they viewed the nearly 9,000 paper money notes, which is believed to be the world's largest display of notes, according to Mel Stark, curator of the PhilaMatic Center.

In lines with the Bicentennial, the PhilaMatic Center has a special display composed of American colonial coins, medals, 500 notes (many printed by Benjamin Franklin), and signatures of 32 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, along with many other items.. The colonial coins and medals are from Omaha's (Neb.) Byron Reed Collection and are being displayed publicly for the first time in 10 years.

The PhilaMatic Center has not limited itself to just coins and notes either. Collections of stamps, documents, paintings, pre-Columbian artifacts and the Oscar won by Spencer Tracy for the movie "Boys Town" are just a few of the items housed by the Center.

It was July 1, 1951 that the 200 frames of stamps and coins collected by Dwight O. Barrett, a retired mechanical engineer from Tulsa, Okla., were moved into the PhilaMatic Center.

Since then people from all over the country have increased the collection to 650 frames of stamps, coins and other pieces, through donations to the Center.



Grover Criswell (l), ANA vice president, and Mel Stark, curator of the PhilaMatic Center, examine some Rawdon sample vignettes, which are just a part of the many items on display as the Center celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

The name PhilaMatic also came from Barrett, who combined Philatelic and Numismatic to come up with a name which describes this Center of variety.

"It is estimated over a million visitors have seen the displays in the PhilaMatic Center during the last 25 years," Stark said, "and we'll continue to admit visitors free of charge 361½ days a year for many, many more years."

Whitman Releases Three "Let's Collect" Series Books

Whitman Coin Products of Racine, Wisconsin has just released three new paperback editions geared to the beginning coin, paper money and stamp collector. They are: *Let's Collect Coins* by Ken Bressett, No. 9380; *Let's Collect Paper Money* by Neil Shafer, No. 9381; and *Let's Collect Stamps* by Ervin J. Felix, No. 6720. All three paperback editions measure 5 1/4 inches x 7 3/4 inches and are printed on high quality stock. Each book contains 64 pages and retails for a suggested price of $.75.

Let's Collect Coins by Ken Bressett is being released in its 6th popular edition. All the information needed to become a coin collector is provided in this handy book. *Let's Collect Coins* gives a capsule history of coin collecting from ancient times to the present. Facts are given about minting techniques and a glossary

lists frequently used numismatic terms. All phases of coin collecting are discussed. Also included is a price guide which lists premium values of all scarce United States issues.

Neil Shafer's *Let's Collect Paper Money* is a new paperback book which beginning note enthusiasts have been anxiously awaiting. This useful little book introduces the novice to the many kinds of paper money from all over the world. Historical data is given for early notes and a lively survey of United States issues is included. All aspects of paper money collecting are covered and interesting illustrations spark the text and values for a number of different kinds of notes are mentioned.

Let's Collect Stamps by Ervin J. Felix is back in the Whitman line by popular demand from stamp collectors. Information on all aspects of stamp collecting is outlined for the prospective philatelist.

Check with your local coin, stamp or hobby dealer for copies of any or all of these three books. Books also may be ordered directly from Department M, Western Publishing Company, Inc., 1220 Mound Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53404. Please include $1.00 for postage and handling.

Gold Value Chart Available

Krause Publications has announced the availability of a gold value chart for commonly traded U.S. and world gold coins. The gold value chart first appeared in the pages of its periodicals for coin collectors and has now been reproduced in a convenient folder format on a durable, high quality paper stock.

The chart gives the value of the gold contained in forty-five different U.S. and foreign coins which are commonly traded among collectors and investors. The gold value chart follows by about a year the popular silver value chart made available to collectors by *Numismatic News*.

Collectors can obtain free copies of the gold value chart by writing to Krause Publications, Free Gold Value Chart, Iola, Wisconsin 54945. Free silver value charts are still available to interested collectors also.

Spink and Son Appoints Durst N. American Agent

Spink and Son Ltd. of London, the Queen's medallists and fine art dealers have announced the appointment of Sanford J. Durst, New York, as distributor of their numismatic books in the United States and Canada.

Spink's executive Howard Linecar, manager of its book division and an internationally known author of coin books, made the announcement in late May. For some years now the English publisher of many top quality important references has been seeking a representative in the U.S. to overcome the basic problems which distance has created, those of supply and service, to its North American customers.

Durst and Linecar revealed that many have hesitated from ordering Spink books from London mainly because of the delay (6-8 weeks), and the problem of payment in U.S. dollars. Both Durst and Spink realized from past experience that both collectors and dealers on this side of the Atlantic want delivery of books quickly, one of the prime reasons for the arrangement.

Durst now runs a substantial numismatic book business supplying both dealers and collectors in North America with dozens of popular titles, as well as those often hard to get and out-of-print books sought by collectors. His warehouse and shipping arrangements are geared to provide the U.S. numismatists with Spink books (which are being stocked here) in about 1-2 weeks after an order is received.

He explained that one of his selling philosophies is to offer books at fair prices so the collector can afford them and to state an "all inclusive" price so the collector does not have to bother calculating postage, handling, and/or taxes as extras. As he said it "one price brings the book." In this regard Durst stated that the Spink line is a fairly priced line, and will be well accepted on a

broad base by collectors here.

The Spink line includes many well known titles which are in constant demand, and is especially strong in books on English, ancient and medieval coins. A continued growth of interest in books pertaining to numismatics has lead Durst, a long time collector to author two recent titles, *Comprehensive Guide to American Colonial Coinage*, and *Contemporary World Gold Coins*. Three other titles as reprints are on their way from his publishing firm, including Welter's *Cleaning and Preservation of Coins and Medals;* Sydenham's *Coinage of the Roman Republic;* and Hawkin's *Silver Coins of England.*

Dealers and collectors in the United States and Canada are invited to write for details on the Spink line to Sanford J. Durst, 133 East 58th Street, New York, New York 10022.

Paris Mint Appoints U.S. Distributor





The International Numismatic Agency of New York City, has been selected by the Monnaie de Paris, the Official Mint of the French Government, to distribute the new medallion issued to commemorate the Official Bicentennial State Visit of Valery Giscard D'Estaing, President of the Republic of France, to the United States of America in May of 1976.

The new medallion, pays tribute to two centuries of friendship between the United States and France, a shared past and a common future. Issued and minted by the Monnaie de Paris, the medal is an expression of support for the American Bicentennial Celebrations from France, America's oldest ally and friend of 450 years standing.

The new medallion is 81 mm. or 3¼ inches in diameter, an unusually large size in honor of the important occasion it salutes. It weighs 273 grams or 9.55 ounces and is available in editions of sterling silver or bronze. It has been sculptured by the noted French medalist Claude Lejot.

Price schedule for the official medallion, which includes all postage and import taxes, is as follows: bronze at $19.50 each, sterling silver at $175 each. Personal checks, company checks, money orders, or charges to any of the major charge cards will be accepted by the agency with delivery in 30-45 days.

In addition to the Official Bicentennial State Visit of the President of France medallion, the Agency has been selected by the Monnaie de Paris as American distributor for other of its official issues celebrating France's strong historic and cultural ties to the American Bicentennial. All orders and requests for additional information on the State Visit medallion and other official Bicentennial medallions issued by the Monnaie de Paris, the French Government Mint, should be directed to International Numismatic Agency, East River Savings Bank Building, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City, New York 10012.

calendar of events

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EAST

AUGUST

22 CORRY, PA. Corry Moose Lodge. Corry Coin Club Coin Show. Ken Page, R.D. #2, North East, PA 16428.

SEPTEMBER

2-5 CHERRY HILL, NJ. Hyatt House, Route 70. 1st Annual Convention of the Garden State Numismatic Association. John H. Harris, P.O. Box 521, Ashbury Park, NJ 07712.

4-5 HAGERSTOWN, MD. Venice Ballroom, East of Hagerstown on U.S. Route 40. Interstate Coin Club Coin Show. Dorothy Harsh, P.O. Box 1901, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

10-12 SYRACUSE, NY. Sheraton Motor Inn, NY State Thruway, Exit 37. Annual Major Coin Show of the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.

11-12 HARRISBURG, PA. Sheraton Harrisburg Inn, I-83 and Pennsylvania Turnpike, Exit 18. 14th Annual Show of the Harrisburg Coin Club, Inc. Mrs. Marian E. Smith, 849 Highland St., Harrisburg, PA 17113.

LEBANON, PA. Lebanon Treadway Inn, Quentin Rd. and Poplar Street. 30th Semi-Annual Coin Show of the Lebanon Valley Coin Club, Inc. Ken Zimmerman, 41 Jay Ann Drive, Lebanon, PA 17042.

12 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Coin, Stamp and Hobby Exposition of the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. Joseph Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

WEST HAVERSTRAW, NY. Marian Shrine, Exit 13 Palisades Interstate Parkway. 5th Annual Coin Show sponsored by the LERA Coin Club. Joe Carpenter, 11 Getty Rd., Stony Point, NY 10980.

17-19 ALEXANDRIA, VA. Twin Bridges Marriott, U.S. 1 and I-95. 18th Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association. Raymond Haymaker, R.F.D. 1, Box 322, Clifton Forge, VA 24422.

18-19 INDIANA, PA. Rustic Lodge, Highway 286 South. Annual Fall Show of the Indiana Coin Club, Inc. Carlo V. Stabile, Box 91, Lucerne Mine, PA 15754.

19 ESSINGTON, PA. Holiday Inn, 45 Industrial Hwy. Delaware County Coin Club's 3rd Annual Coin Show. Walter Hoffman, 143 Taylor Ave., Woodlyn, PA 19094.

26 DOVER, DE. Sheraton/Dover Inn, 1570 N. DuPoint Highway. 5th Annual Coin Show of the Kent Coin Club. Stephen R. Taylor, P.O. Box 857, Dover, DE 19901.

SEPT. 30-OCT. 3 NEW YORK, NY. American Hotel, 7th Ave. and 52nd St. 14th Anniversary Convention of the Great Eastern Numismatic Association. Jackson Storm, 10 Manning Rd., Glen Cove, NY 11542.

OCTOBER

3 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exit. Coin, Stamp and Hobby Exposition of the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. Joseph Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

CHICOPEE, MA. Highpoint Motor Inn, Massachusetts Turnpike Exit 5. Coin and Stamp Show of the Carnegie Coin Club. Paul A. Mardas, P.O. Box 185, Florence, MA 01060.

FLEMINGTON, NJ. Hunterdon County Agricultural Building, Highway 31, 13th Annual Coin Show of the Hunterdon Coin Club. John Belonsoff, Hunterdon Coin Club, P.O. Box 472, Flemington, NJ 08822.

2-3 SOMERSET, PA. Masonic Temple, across from Somerset Mall, 219 North. Annual Somerset County Coin Show. William D Ogline, P.O. Box 542, Somerset, PA 15501.

9 MILLVILLE, NJ. Millville Memorial Junior High School, 5th and Broad Sts. Annual Coin Show of the South Jersey Coin Club. John E. Beebe, 311 S. 4th St., Millville, NJ 08332

SYRACUSE, NY. Sheraton Motor Inn, N.Y. State Thruway, Exit 37. Monthly Coin Show of the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.

9-10 PHILADELPHIA, PA. N.E. Holiday Inn, Rt. 132. 20th Anniversary Coin Show of the William Penn Coin Club. Edward Hutchinson, P.O. Box 6256, Philadelphia, PA 19136.

16-17 FALLS CHURCH, VA. Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St. Annual Fall Coin Show of the Alexandria Coin Club. John D. Ellis, ACC, 3616 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207.

17 DANBURY, CT. American Legion Hall, 40 Elm St. Fall Coin Show of the Danbury Coin Club. P.O. Box 1074, Danbury, CT 06810.

22-24 KING OF PRUSSIA, PA. George Washington Motor Inn, Rt. 202 and Pennsylvania Turnpike. 24th Annual Convention of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association. Ted Hendricks, P.O. Box 12052, Raleigh, NC 27605.

24 LIVINGSTON, NJ. V.F.W. Hall, Mount Pleasant Ave. 14th Annual Coin Convention, 21 W. Lincoln Ave., Rockaway, NJ 07866.

31 WEST HAVEN, CT. Knights of Columbus Hall, 263 Center St. Semi-Annual Coin Show of the Liberty Coin Club, Inc. Jerry Forbes, P.O. Box 109, Woodmont, CT 06460.

NOVEMBER

6-7 HANOVER, PA. American Legion Post No. 14, 201 Carlisle St. 13th Annual Coin Show of the Hanover Numismatic Society Inc. E. A. Robert, 210 "M" St., Littlestown, PA 17340.

7 ALBANY, NY. Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Exhibit Coin, Stamp and Hobby Exposition of the Capital District Coin Dealers Association. Joseph Marcelli, 28 Locust Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

NUTLEY, NJ. V.F.W. Hall, 271 Washington St. 20th Annual Coin Convention, Essex County Coin Club of New Jersey. Kenneth Morrison, 57 Ethel St., Metuchen, NJ 08840.

20-21 BINGHAMTON, NY. Ramada Inn, Front St. Triple Cities Coin Club Coin Show. Stuart Ludy, P.O. 1521, Binghamton, NY 13902.

21 SYRACUSE, NY. Sheraton Motor Inn, 7th North and Electronics Pwky, at Exit 37 of the NY State Thruway. Monthly Coin Show of the Onondaga Numismatic Association. Edmund J. Wlodarski, 8026 Trina Circle West, Clay, NY 13041.

CENTRAL

AUGUST

13-15 ST. LOUIS, MO. Marriott Motor Hotel. I-70 and Lambert International Airport. 17th Annual Coin Festival sponsored by the Missouri Numismatic Society. Charles Hileman, P.O. Box 714, Granite City, IL 62040.

SEPTEMBER

12 EAST DETROIT, MI. Eagles Hall, 14855 Eight Mile Rd. East Detroit, Michigan Coin Club's 18th Anniversary Coin Show. EDCC, P.O. Box 44, East Detroit, MI 48021.

HIGHLAND, IN. American Legion Post, 180 Hall, 2703 Jewett St. 12th Annual Show of the Highland Stamp and Coin Club. Clarence Wagman, 8345 5th Ave., Highland, IN 46322.

18-19 MILWAUKEE, WI. Red Carpet Expo Convention Center, 4747 South Howell Ave. 42nd Annual Coin Show of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society. Michael A. Tramte, P.O. Box 19779, Milwaukee, WI 53219.

OCTOBER

1-3 CINCINNATI, OH. Stouffer's Inn, Fifth and Elm Streets. Penn-Ohio Coin Show hosted by the Cincinnati Numismatic Association. Mark Mendelson, P.O. Box 37272, Cincinnati, OH 45222.

23-24 LOUISVILLE, KY. Stouffer's Louisville Inn, 120 W. Broadway. Annual Convention and Coin Show of the Louisville Coin Club and the Kentucky State Numismatic Association. Tony Sturgeon, P.O. Box 5045, Louisville, KY 40205.

SPRINGFIELD, IL. Holiday Inn East, 3100 South 31st St., U.S. 66 Bypass. Coin Show sponsored by the Central Illinois Numismatic Association. Robert R. Pazdernik, 25 Churchill, Chatham, IL 62629.

24 TIFFIN, OH. Elizabeth Schaefer Hall, St. Francis Home. Coin Show of the Seneca Coin Club. Luther N. Cook, 26 N. Washington St., Tiffin, OH 44883.

NOVEMBER

6-7 STEUBENVILLE, OH. Ft. Steuben Mall, Rt. 22, at the John Scott Highway. 26th Coin Show of the Ohio Valley Coin Association. Jim Green, 509 Loretta Ave., Toronto, OH 43964.

SOUTH

AUGUST

14-15 COLUMBUS, GA. Peachtree Mall, Manchester Expressway. 9th Annual Coin Show sponsored by Muscogee Coin Club. Jim Reese, 3204 Shenandoah Dr., Phenix City, AL 36867.

MERIDIAN MS. Downtowner Motor Inn, 1914 11th St. Meridian Area Coin Club 12th Annual Coin Show. Phillip Karrh, P.O. Box 104, Collinsville, MS. 39325.

SHREVEPORT, LA. Convention Hall, 500 Clyde Fant Parkway. Greater Ark-La-Tex Coin Show sponsored by the Shreveport Coin Club. Bob Norris, 325 Minden St., Bossier City, LA 71010.

15 ATLANTA, GA. Holiday Inn, 175 Piedmont Ave. N.E. Coin Show sponsored by the Georgia Coin Dealers Association. Paul Wacaster, 938 Main St., Forest Park, GA 30050.

SEPTEMBER

11 DECATUR, GA. DeKalb Federal Savings & Loan Association, 116 Clairmont Ave. Annual Coin Show of the DeKalb Coin Club. Mrs. J. E. Spivey, P.O. Box 483, Avondale Estates, GA 30002.

11-12 BEAUMONT, TX. Ridgewood Motel, 2520 Interstate 10 East, at the 7th St. Exit. 17th Annual Coin Show of the Beaumont Coin Club. BCC, P.O. Box 1964, Beaumont, TX 77704.

18-19 AMARILLO, TX. Civic Center Red Carpet Room. Amarillo Coin Club Show. Mike Randall, 5631 W. 43rd St., Amarillo, TX 79109.

LAKE CHARLES, LA. Lake Charles Civic Center, in the Buccaneer Room. 14th Annual Coin Show of the Southwest Louisiana Coin Club. Bob Fragale, Box 728, Westlake, LA 70669.

TULSA, OK. Civic Center Assembly Hall. 5th Annual Coin Show of the Magic Empire Coin Club. Richard McPheeters, P.O. Box 15635, Tulsa Admiral Station, Tulsa, OK 74115.

OCTOBER

1-3 HUNTSVILLE, AL. The Mall. 14th Annual North Alabama Coin Show sponsored by area clubs. J. R. Tate, P.O. Box 750, Huntsville, AL 35804.

8-10 GREENSBORO, NC. The Royal Villa Convention Center, 310 West Meadowview Rd. 18th Annual Coin Convention of the North Carolina Numismatic Association. James W. Jackson, Jr., 2702 Oakcrest Ave., Greensboro, NC 27408.

9-10 HATTISBURG, MS. Ramada Inn. Maginola Coin Club Show. James G. Price, P.O. Box 1123, Greenville, MS 38701.

16-17 MONTGOMERY, AL. Whitley Hotel, 231 Montgomery St. 17th Semi-Annual Central Alabama Coin Show sponsored by the Montgomery Coin Club. C. H. Flynn, Box 9135, Montgomery, AL 36108.

30-31 MUSKOGEE, OK. Muskogee Civic Assembly Center. Indian Capital Coin Club's 15th Annual Exhibit and Coin Show. ICCC, P.O. Box 1952, Muskogee, OK 74401.

WEST

AUGUST

15 FREMONT, CA. Elk's Lodge, 38991 Farwell Dr. 4th Annual Coin Show of the Fremont Coin Club. Ron Miller. P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, CA 94538.

28-30 RESEDA, CA. Reseda Women's Club, 7901 Lindley Ave. West Valley Coin Club's 21st Annual Coin-A-Rama. Harold Donald, P.O. Box 221, Tarzana, CA 91356.

SEPTEMBER

4-5 EUGENE, OR. Eugene Hotel, 222 East Broadway. Annual Labor Day Weekend Coin Show of the Eugene Coin Club. Marsh McCann, 1800 Hwy 99 North, Eugene, OR 97402.

10-12 POMONA, CA. California State Polytechnic University. California Numismatic Educational Seminar on Counterfeit Detection. Elizabeth L. Wisslead, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92727,

12 VENTURA, CA. Broadway Dept. Store, Main St. and Mills Rd. 16th Annual Coin Show of the Ventura County Coin Club. Bob Stuart, P.O. Box 3263, Ventura, CA 93003.

17-19 CHEYENNE, WY. Little America Motel, I-25. Annual Fall Convention of the Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association, sponsored by the Cheyenne and Laramie Coin Clubs. CWNA, P.O. Box 856, Ft. Collins, CO 80521.

OCTOBER

9-10 DOWNEY, CA. Women's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd. Downey Numismatists' 11th Annual Coin Show. Walter Snyder, 8100 Lena, Canoga Park, CA 91304.

FOREIGN

SEPTEMBER

11 EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA. Masonic Temple, 10318-100 Ave., 14th Annual Coin Show of the Edmonton Coin Club. ECC, P.O. Box 4111, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

FUTURE ANA CONVENTIONS

AUGUST

▶24-29, 1976 NEW YORK, NY. Americana Hotel. 85th Anniversary Convention. General Chairman: Jackson Storm, 159-15 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358.

23-28, 1977 ATLANTA, GA. 86th Anniversary Convention. Atlanta Marriott Hotel. General Chairman: Lester Davis, 180 Allen Rd. N.E., Suite 206, Atlanta, GA 30358.

22-27, 1978 HOUSTON, TX. 87th Anniversary Convention. Astro-World Hotels. General Chairman to be announced.

DONATION REPORT

Number	Name & location	Cash	Material
M-9886	Ferrell R. Ard, Macon, Georgia	$ 50.00	
9887	VOID		
S-9888	Michigan State Numismatic Society, Livonia, Michigan	400.00	
M-9889	Henri N. Heller, Pasadena, California		100.00
9890	VOID		
L-9891	Richard J. Karlson, Colorado Springs, Colorado		21.25
G-9892	Kurt R. Krueger, Appleton, Wisconsin	25.00	
GB-9893	Jesse Iskowitz, Port Jefferson, New York	500.00	
M-9894	Richard B. Dustenberg, Cincinnati, Ohio	200.00	
L-9895	Harold G. Blossey, Colorado Springs, Colorado		30.00
GB-9896	Don and Betty DeVore, Columbus, Ohio	50.00	
GB-9897	Royal Enterprise Coin Corporation, West Milton, Ohio	100.00	
GB-9898	J. H. Cline, Dayton, Ohio	100.00	
GB-9899	Byron W. Cook, Mississippi	10.00	
M-9900	Seymour H. Yale, Chicago, Illinois	10.00	
L-9901	Jake B. Sureck, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		400.00
L-9902	Almanzar's Coins of the World, Inc., San Antonio, Texas		1,820.79
C-9903	Edward A. Percival, Fenton, Michigan		no stated value
M-9904	Michael Kolman, Cleveland, Ohio	200.00	
L-9905	Old Fashion Book Co., Burbank, California		30.00
L-9906	Jake B. Sureck, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		125.00
L-9907	Jake B. Sureck, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		100.00
M-9908	J. S. Brollier, Hugoton, Kansas	25.00	
Receipts M-9886 through M-9908 total		$1,670.00	$2,627.04
Receipt L-8435 - Under $10.00 total		8.59	
Total		$1,678.59	$2,627.04

CODE: M-Museum, L-Library, C-Certification, G-General, YN-Young Numismatist, R-Reward, GE-Gift and Endowment, LA-Library Acquisition, S-Scholarship, GB-Grading Board

membership report

Applications R-89351 through R-89707 and LM-1882 through LM-1906, as published in the June issue, have been accepted for membership.

The following applications were received in June, 1976. If no objections are filed prior to September 1, 1976, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the October, 1976, issue.

top recruiters

We suggest that new members of ANA consider dealing only with professional numismatists who themselves are ANA members.

500 Club

None Qualified

100 Club

Krueger-Voecks
Bowers-Ruddy

Dist.-Reg. Representatives

James Neumann 21

Club Representatives

Florence Schook 3

Dealer Boosters

Bowers-Ruddy 21
Grayson-Schweitzer 17
Hall-Rettew 6

Young Numismatists

None

Working Members

Virginia Culver 8
Richard W. Sutter 7

Elected and appointed officers' names omitted.

R-90100 **Rocco R. Perilli,** Medford, NY. Jesse Iskowitz

R-90101 **Martin A. Reifer,** 158-34 96 St., Howard Beach, NY 11414. Fredric G. Mantei

R-90102 **Nathaniel Laws,** P. O. Box R, APO New York, NY 09034. Robert C. Anderson

R-90103 **Robert C. Cronkrite,** 5901 SE Foster Rd., Portland, OR 97206. G. C. Worthington

R-90104 **Pat Downer,** 461 Loring, El Paso, TX 79927. Leon T. Lindheim

R-90105 **Victor Falco,** Rochester, NY. Tom McAfee

R-90106 **Jerry B. Beguhn,** 1009 S. Union, Kokomo, IN 46901. Fred L. Steward

JA-90107 **Scott Hallenbeck,** 1141 W. Lexington Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807. Ken Hallenbeck, June Hallenbeck

R-90108 **James W. Hawkins,** San Francisco, CA. Virginia Culver, Richard W. Suter

R-90109 **George H. Schwenk,** 817-15th Ave., Monroe, WI 53566. Virginia Culver, Richard W. Suter

R-90110 **Madeline Leong Way,** San Francisco, CA. Virginia Culver, Richard W. Suter

R-90111 **Terrese V. Pfleuger,** Bellingham, WA. Juanita M. McKeown, Bellingham Coin Club

R-90112 **Jerry Last,** New York, NY. James F. Ruddy, Q. David Bowers

A-90113 **Cecelia Evans,** Litchfield, MI. Florence Schook, Michigan State Numismatic Society

JA-90114 **Paul F. Flynn,** 1205 Arrowhead Dr., Dubuque, IA 52001. Grover Criswell, Thomas M. Flynn

A-90115 **Judy Y. Delano,** 22056 San Fernando Ct., Cupertino, CA 95014. Charles Delano

A-90116 **Steven L. Cyrkin,** 27 Cypress Tree Ln., Irvine, CA 92715. Mrs. William B. Cyrkin

R-90117 **Walter M. Fish, Jr.,** The Franklin Mint, Franklin Center, PA 19063. William F. Krieg

R-90118 **John J. Hickey,** 109 Riedel Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306. K. John Trabulsi

R-90119 **Fred A. Lopez, Jr.,** 585 Marvin Dr., San Bernardino, CA 92410. Gary F. Snover, James R. Briggs

JA-90120 **Theodore Lopez,** 585 Marvin Dr., San Bernardino, CA 92410. Gary Snover, Fred Coops

R-90121 **Stoquart Jacques,** Rue Des Hetres, 9, 5100-Jambes, Belgium. Edward C. Rochette

R-90122 **William E. Hansen,** 7353 Nash Rd., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120. Arthur M. Fitts III

A-90123 **Walter H. Higgins,** Linden, VA. Darwin E. Higgins, John Stickles, Jr.

R-90124 **Marit R. Jentoft-Nilsen,** Hollywood, CA. Bruce P. McNall

R-90125 **Thomas Burke Westcott,** Drawer C-H, Cullowhee, NC 28723. Mark A. Singer, Marcel Berlin

R-90126 **Joseph Mucci,** 920 Evergreen Dr., N. Palm Beach, FL 33408. Charles W. Reams, Jr.

R-90127 **Richard H. Adams, Jr.,** Orlando, FL. Grover C. Criswell, George D. Hatie

R-90128 **A. John Smith,** 1810 Santiago Ave., Farmington, NM 87401. Dennis C. With, Donna J. Finnegan

R-90129 **Antony Greaves,** Mablethorpe, Lines, England. Richard Lobel, A. C. Eimer

R-90130 **Bruce Waines,** 32 Lead Ln. Ripon, N. Yorkshire, England HG42NE. Richard Lobel, A. C. Eimer

R-90131 **Sidney S. Becker,** Middletown, NY. David W. Akers, Max J. Humbert

R-90132 **Philip Sperber,** New Rochelle, NY. Martin Morgenstern, Lorraine Bruck

R-90133 **Barbara Alter,** Bayside, NY. Jeffrey S. Zarit

R-90134 **Craig C. Earle,** Bowling Green, OH. Joseph A. Nigrelli

J-90135 **Vincent E. Coakley,** Indianapolis, IN. Roscoe T. Parmley, Howard J. Linville

J-90136 **John F. Geiger,** 7177F Ohana Nui Cr., APO San Francisco, CA 96553. Alan R. Sikora

R-90137 **Edward C. Ondrick,** Lansing, MI. F. A. Jones

R-90138 **Eudore Arsenault,** Brentwood, NY. Dominick Saffiotti, Antonio Taggio

R-90139 **George N. Buxton, Sr.,** Silver Spring, MD. Virgil Hancock

R-90140 **Martin Adams,** Dallas, TX. Donald Willis, Michael Follett

R-90141 **Harry L. Lemming,** 1245 Idlewild Dr. N., Clearwater, FL 33515. Grover Criswell, Jeff Shaara

R-90142 **Linwood A. Beverly, Jr.,** 519 Old Farm Rd., Franklin, MA 02038. Edward C. Rochette

R-90143 **Bernard W. Rexing,** RR #5, Box 289, Evansville, IN 47711. Sterling Harrison, Robert L. Pierce

R-90144 **John W. Dannreuther,** Memphis, TN. Carlton W. Grayson, Robert E. Schweitzer

R-90145 **T. French Youngman,** St. Louis, MO. Carlton W. Grayson, Robert E. Schweitzer

R-90146 **Rudolph W. Smithwick,** Bedford, TX. Howard W. Luke, Mrs. H. W. Luke

A-90147 **Lois R. Smithwick,** Bedford, TX. Howard W. Luke, Mrs. H. W. Luke

R-90148 **Robert K. Maddock, Jr.,** 1060 E. 1st S., Salt Lake City, UT 84102. John D. Larsen, Norman Shultz

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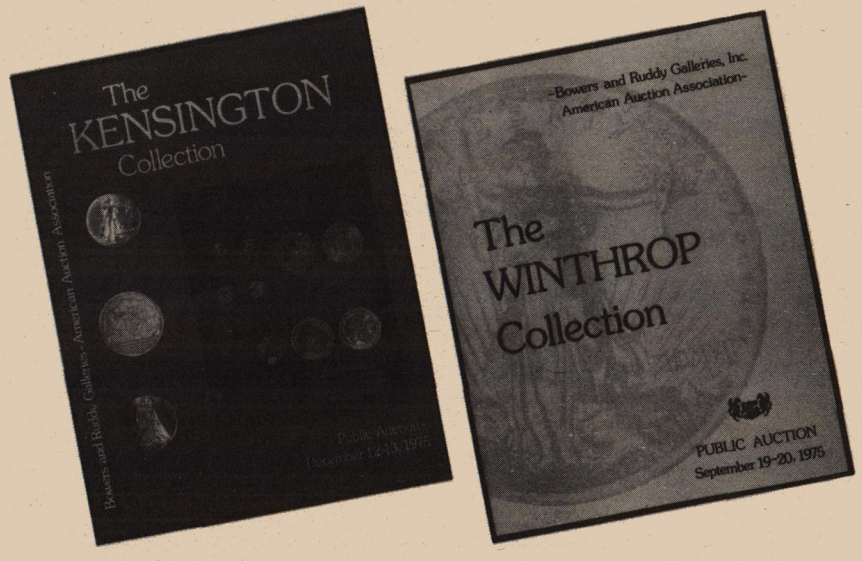
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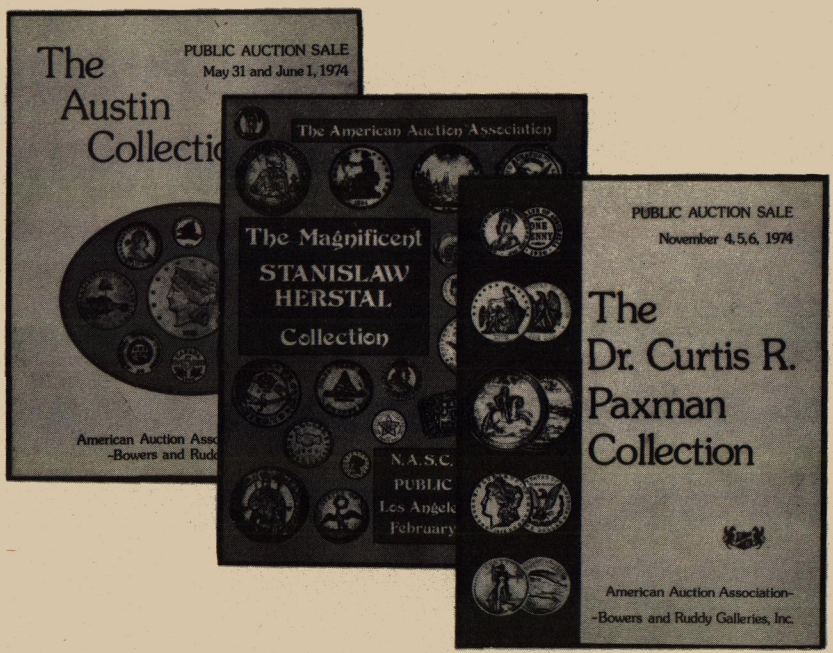


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1911 D					8.75
1911 S	6.00				11.00
1912			.40	1.00	3.75
1912 D		2.00	2.50	5.50	10.00
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1912			.30	1.00	4.00
1913 D			1.40	3.50	8.00
1913 S			3.80	4.40	9.25
1914					4.00
1914 D	30.00	33.00	38.00	63.00	125.00
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1918 S			.15	.60	2.10
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1887		1.75	2.10	4.40	5.50	12.00
1888		2.90	4.00	6.25	7.75	13.00
1889		1.65	2.25	4.00	7.50	12.00
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1913 S T1	2.20	3.00	3.50	4.00	4.75	8.70
1913 T2	.80	1.35	1.50	1.80	2.30	2.50
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1913 S T2		18.00	27.00	31.00	38.00	52.00
1914		1.05	2.10	3.00	4.00	6.00
1914 D	5.50	11.00	14.00	17.00	23.50	31.50
1914 S	1.25			4.25	5.25	9.00
1915	.30				1.65	6.00
1915 D	1.50	2.40	3.20	4.50	7.65	12.00
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1916	.18	.30	.45	.55	1.05	3.00
1916 D		1.50	2.10	2.85	4.50	9.60
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1917	.24	.30	.35	1.10	1.70	6.00
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1919 D	.50		2.70	5.25	16.00	39.00
1919 S			1.85	3.75	10.80	36.00
1920					1.00	4.00
1920 D	.30	.85	1.70	3.85	13.50	28.50
1920 S			1.15	2.70	9.00	25.00
1921	.18	.24	.45	.85	2.85	7.00
1921 S	1.70	3.80	6.30	13.00	27.50	55.00
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1924				.35	1.45	4.50
1924 D	.30			2.25	9.60	25.00
1924 S	.80	1.25	2.70	4.80	32.00	65.00
1925 D				4.50	16.00	30.00
1925 S					6.45	24.00
1926					.65	2.25
1926 D			1.80	3.90	12.60	19.65
1926 S		2.20	3.45	4.65	18.50	53.00
1927					.65	1.65
1927 D		.35			4.50	8.25
1925 S		.30			4.20	15.30
1928					.90	
1928 D				.45	1.25	3.45
1928 S		.15	.18	.27	1.20	3.65
1929					.50	1.60
1929 D		.15	.17	.24	.80	1.55
1929 S						1.00

BUFFALO NICKELS

	F	VF	XF
1930 S			1.70
1934		.50	1.15
1934 D		.55	2.10
1935 D	.30	.50	.95
1935 S	.24		.90
1936 D		.25	.40
1936 S		.25	
1937 D			.40
1937 D 3 Legged	35.00	38.50	44.00
1938 D			.40

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1938 D	.50	1943 D	.30
1938 S	1.15	1950	.10
1939 D	2.00	1950 D	5.50
1939 S	.20	1951 S	.10
1942 S	.18	1955	.12

MERCURY DIMES

	AG	GOOD	VG	FINE	VF	XF
1916			.45	.65	1.00	3.60
1916 D	58.00	67.00	9.50	140.00	175.00	335.00
1916 S		.75	1.25	2.25	3.30	5.00
1917		.35		.65	.90	3.00
1917 D		.75	1.80	3.60	5.25	12.00
1917 S				.65	1.20	3.30
1918		.35	.50	1.60	3.90	10.50
1918 D				1.80	3.00	6.50
1918 S			.50	1.00	2.40	4.50
1919			.45	.75	1.65	4.50
1919 D		.70	1.00	2.70	7.50	15.00
1919 S		.70	1.00	2.70	7.00	14.00
1920			.40	.50	.75	2.10
1920 D				.90	2.10	4.80
1920 S			.40	.85	1.90	4.75
1921	4.75	7.00	13.00	26.00	45.00	180.00
1921 D	9.25	12.00	19.00	36.00	66.00	150.00
1923 S		.45	.50	1.70	3.30	12.00
1924				.45	.60	3.00
1924 D				1.00	2.70	9.00
1925				.60	.85	3.00
1925 D	.60	.90	1.85	4.00	8.25	30.00
1925 S			.60	.75	3.30	7.80

	GOOD	VG	FINE	CF	XF	AU
1926			.45	.65	1.30	
1926 D		.65	1.05	2.15	6.45	
1926 S	3.25	4.50	6.00	9.50	31.00	
1927 D			2.80	9.15	15.50	
1927 S			.75	2.70	6.90	
1928				.60	1.25	
1928 D		.65	1.90	5.85	15.00	
1928 S			.55	.60	4.00	
1929				.60	1.05	
1929 D		.50	1.00	1.65	2.60	
1929 S			.45	1.00	1.50	
1930				.85	2.00	
1930 S	1.50	1.60	1.70	2.10	4.00	
1931	.45		.55	.70	2.75	
1931 D	4.00	4.20	4.40	7.00	10.00	
1931 S	1.60	1.70	1.75	2.10	4.05	
1934			.40	.50	.70	
1934 D			.55	.70	2.70	
1935			.40	.50	.65	
1935 D			.50	.65	2.70	
1935 S			.40	.45	.65	
1936 D			.40	.45	2.10	
1936 S			.40	.45	.75	
1937 S				.45	.70	
1938 D					1.00	
1938 S				.45	.95	
1940 D & S	.30	.33	.39	.42	.85	
1942/1		92.00	105.00	130.00	245.00	
1942 D,42S,43D,43S, 44D,44S,45D,45S,					.75	
1945 Micro S	.40	.42	.48	.65	1.75	

STANDING QUARTERS

	GOOD	VG	FINE	VF	XF
1916	180.00	220.00	315.00	450.00	600.00
1917 T1	3.00	3.50	4.75	7.00	15.00
1917 D T1	3.75	4.15	5.50	7.50	16.00
1917 S T1	3.50	3.75	4.75	7.00	14.50
1917 T2	3.35	3.50	4.75	6.45	9.45
1917 D T2	5.75	6.15	8.75	11.50	14.75
1917 S T2	5.50	5.85	8.50	11.50	14.00
1918	3.00	3.25	4.60	6.30	10.50
1918 D	5.25	5.50	9.30	11.00	14.00
1918/17 S	160.00	210.00	350.00	450.00	625.00
1918 S	2.70	2.85	4.50	5.85	8.85
1919	5.70	5.85	8.25	11.50	14.00
1919 D	16.75	17.50	25.50	33.00	45.00
1919 S	16.80	17.50	23.50	31.00	41.00
1920	2.40	2.70	3.40	4.30	6.00
1920 D	8.25	8.50	11.50	16.75	23.50
1920 S	3.25	3.45	5.25	6.45	10.20
1921	16.80	17.50	27.00	32.50	47.00
1923	2.40	2.55	3.45	4.35	6.45
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1924 D	7.00	7.25	11.50	14.00	16.50
1924 S	3.75	4.00	7.00	9.45	11.85

WASHINGTON QUARTERS

	GOOD	VG	FINE	VF	XF
1932 D	26.00	27.00	31.00	39.00	47.00
1932 S	26.00	26.50	29.00	31.00	35.00
1934 D				3.70	5.25
1935 D				2.50	3.75
1937 S				3.80	10.00

WALKING HALVES

	AG	GOOD	VG	FINE	VF	XF
1916	4.20	5.50	8.50	16.00	17.50	49.00
1916 D			4.35	8.10	17.00	35.00
1916 S	5.25	11.00	17.00	27.50	53.00	95.00
1917 D OBV			4.00	10.00	21.50	55.00
1917 S OBV			4.35	10.65	32.00	72.00
1917 D REV		1.75	2.25	4.50	12.00	33.00
1917 S REV		1.60	1.75	1.80	6.30	15.00
1918		1.60	1.70	1.80	6.60	18.00
1918 D				2.70	11.00	31.00
1918 S					6.00	21.00
1919	2.20	3.00	4.25	7.00	25.00	85.00
1919 D	2.00	2.25	3.50	7.00	41.50	140.00
1919 S			2.30	5.75	27.00	125.00
1920			1.60	1.75	6.00	22.00
1920 D		1.60	1.70	3.30	19.00	75.00
1920 S				2.50	12.00	45.00
1921		21.00	30.00	42.00	77.00	225.00
1921 D		38.00	48.00	61.00	100.00	245.00
1921 S		4.00	5.25	10.00	40.00	325.00
1923 S		1.60	1.70	1.75	17.00	60.00
1927 S			1.70	1.75	5.50	30.00
1928 S			1.70	1.75	5.50	30.00
1929 D		1.60	1.70	1.75	5.10	20.00
1929 S			1.70	1.75	2.25	14.00
1933 S		1.60	1.70	1.75	2.25	13.00
1934 D				1.80	1.90	5.50
1938 D (AU 70.00)			16.75	17.50	18.50	31.00

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1948	1.55	1949 S	1.60
1948 D	1.50	1953	1.60
1949	1.50	1955	4.00
1949 D	1.50	1956	1.50

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1941	150.00	1958	7.30	1971 S	3.70
1942(5)	150.00	1959	4.80	1972 S	3.75
1942(6)	182.50	1960SD	15.00	1973 S	9.40
1950	132.00	1960LD	4.40	1974 S	10.40
1951	86.00	1961	3.50	1975 S	20.80
1952	54.50	1962	3.50	1976 S	16.00

Sets must be choice. 1936 to 1954 can be in plastic holders. 1955 to date must be in original flat packs with envelope, or mint cases with boxs.

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1878 8TF	5.00	5.25	5.75	8.75
1878 7/8 TF	7.70	8.00	8.75	10.00
1878 CC	5.50	6.50	7.50	11.00
1879 CC	14.00	19.50	38.00	100.00
1880 CC	17.50	22.00	27.00	39.00
1881 CC	31.50	34.00	38.00	44.00
1882 CC	8.75	9.50	12.00	15.00
1883 CC	9.00	9.50	12.00	15.00
1884 CC	9.00	9.50	12.00	15.00
1885 S	4.50	5.25	7.00	13.50
1885 CC	30.00	34.00	38.00	42.00
1886 S	10.50	11.50	13.50	24.00
1888 S	11.50	12.00	14.00	23.00
1889 S	12.00	12.50	14.00	17.50
18889 CC	52.00	65.00	133.00	400.00
1891 CC	7.25	9.00	12.50	20.00
1892	4.50	4.75	6.30	11.00
1892 S	5.00	10.00	28.00	155.00
1892 CC	12.50	18.00	32.00	58.00
1893	11.00	13.00	17.00	28.00
1893 O	12.75	17.00	30.00	73.00
1893 S	175.00	250.00	475.00	
1893 CC	14.00	24.50	61.00	165.00
1894	60.00	67.50	81.00	125.00
1895 O	12.75	22.00	39.00	100.00
1895 S	29.00	44.00	83.00	325.00
1899	15.00	15.50	17.50	26.50
1901	6.50	8.75	12.75	35.00
1901 S			6.50	22.00
1902 S	15.75	22.00	27.00	45.00
1903	4.30	4.40	4.50	6.00
1903 O	25.00	27.00	30.00	35.00
1903 S		9.50	30.00	200.00
1904 S	5.00	7.00	16.00	87.50

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PEACE DOLLARS

	FINE	VF	XF	AU
1921	11.00	14.00	15.00	22.00
1924 S			6.50	14.50
1927	10.00	10.50	12.00	13.50
1927 S	5.60	6.30	8.50	16.75
1928	71.00	74.00	80.00	95.00
1934	7.70	8.50	10.00	13.00
1934 S		10.00	32.00	120.00
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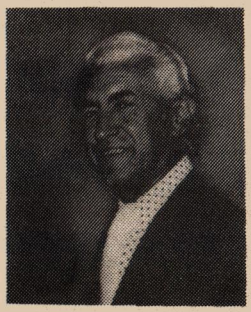


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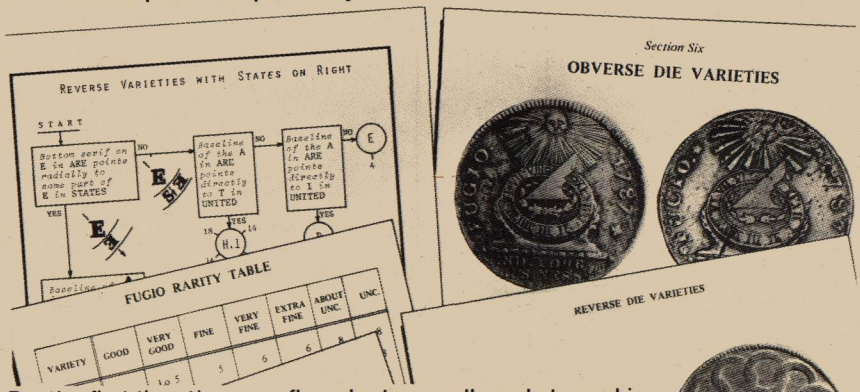
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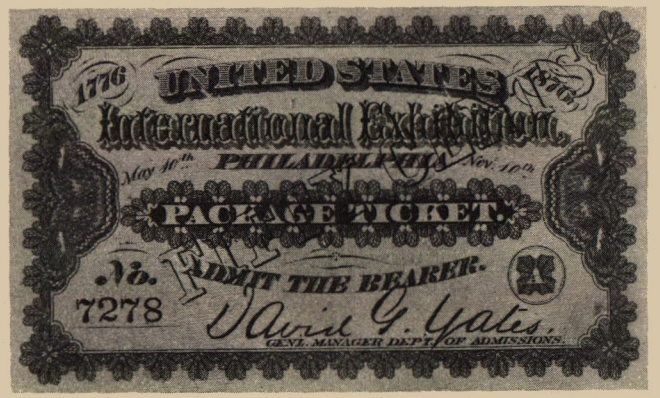
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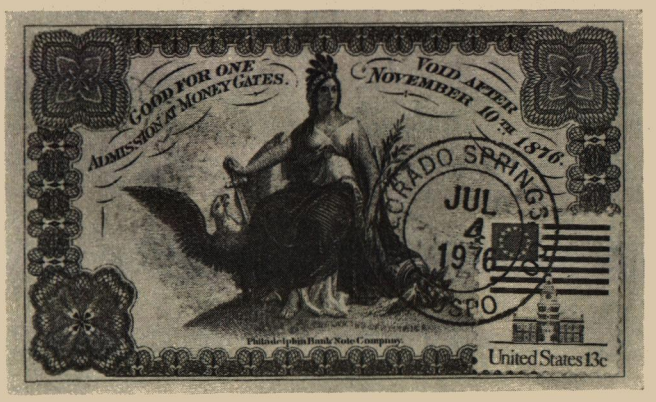
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Our hobby was small in number, the few collectors who attended the birth of the first A.N.A. CONVENTION, IN NEW YORK CITY 1939, some of these members, when they decided to become coin dealers, have now become recognized Certified Professional Numismatists, who have served their clients from 25, 50 and 125 years of continuous service.

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Colonials

1652 Oak Tree Shilling Noe 5 EF 40 1650.

Gracefully curved lower branches. Rev. stronger which is usually found. Triple struck and therefore glossy silver grey planchet is broader than most seen. AN DOM variety. As was custom, dated 1652 but struck during the 1660's probably on a screw press. Finer than the recent Pine Tree offering which brought $2,000.

1678 St. Patrick's Farthing F 15 195.

Pleasing medium brown and evenly worn. Porous at centers. Of St. Patrick's coinage, only the halfpenny was made legal tender, but farthings appeared in N. J. from time to time.

1723 Hibernia Halfpenny AU 50 250.

A pleasing glossy chocolate brown patina. Well centered with two-thirds of the denticles distinct.

1723 Rosa American Penny Unc 60+ 895.

Crowned rose variety. Unblemished and struck on a rather broad planchet. Medium brown in color. Sharply struck. For the most discerning collector. Ex-Laird U. Park cabinet.

1760 Voci Populi Farthing EF 40 525.

Planchet clipped at 12 o'clock obv. affecting only the 1 in date. Medium brown in color.

1766 Pitt Halfpenny EF 40 795.

Well centered and struck. Chocolate brown in color. Legends are full and bold. Thought to have been struck in the late 1760's. A historically refreshing commemorative token.

1767 Sou French Colonies AU 50 595.

A finer specimen than the coin which realized $650 in Stack's 1973 sale of Colonials. This specimen was not counterstamped, a practice used to induce acceptance of the coin in circulation and is substantially rarer than its "effaced" counterpart. Glossy medium brown plan planchet, well centered and struck. An historic issue supplemental to a collection of U. S. Colonials.

1773 Virginia Halfpenny 65+ 750.

This coin is extremely well struck for a colonial. The coin appears to have been struck from new dies so that all detail and lettering is well cut and distinct; the hair detail is complete segmenting every strand. The obv. die appears slightly bulged and a die crack extends horizontally below the bust. The rev. strike is the sharpest we have seen and displays full dentilation that lends to the theory of new dies. A first strike of the regular issue with proof-like surfaces; this variety has a period after GEORGIVS.

1786 New Jersey Copper VF 30 195.

Light brown in color. Full date and sharp detail; rev. weak at center. Maris 24P. Ex-Massachusetts Historical Society.

1787 New Jersey Copper VF 25 125.

Although planchet rough at 7-8 o'clock rev., has strong detail. Maris 64-t.

1787 Connecticut Copper VF 25 150.

Horned bust variety. Medium to dark brown in color. Full definition of a very fine with slight porosity. Miller 4-L.

1787 Fugio Cent Unc. 60 550.

Pointed rays with cinquefoils. Glossy red and brown with all detail except for the M and B in "Mind Your Business"—resulting from clash marks in obv. field. Considered America's first "regular issue copper".

1788 Massachusetts Half Cent Unc. 60+ 695.

Medium glossy brown planchet with a full strike and sharp detail. Rev. planchet flaw on top of shield at AL of half cent. The most desirable Mass. ½¢ from the Laird U. Park cabinet.

...and Washingtonia.

1791 Large Eagle Cent Baker 15 EF 40 275.

Details are perfectly legible, color is dark brown. Obediah Westwood struck these pieces from the dies of John Hancock. Although given to Washington and his compatriots, this semi-official essai was not accetped by Congress as our country's first large cent.

1791 Small Eagle Cent Baker 16 AU 50 695.

Glossy brown and tan surfaces with minor hairlines upon magnification. Epaulet is full; flatness on Washington's curls. Marginally scarcer than the large eagle variety. The only other small eagle rev. is struck in brass and is excessively rare. Another semi-official essai.

1793 Ship Halfpenny Baker 18 VF 35 375.

Rev. is sharper than the red book plate coin. Tan to light brown in color. Buckled die from three to five o'clock obv.; clash marks at ENT of PRESIDENT. Interestingly, the edge was struck "payable in Anglesey London or Liverpool".

1795 Grate Halfpenny Baker 29 AU 50 195.

Pronounced hair detail, epaulet slightly weak. Rev. sharply struck. A proofish blue patina graces the surfaces. This is the large buttons variety with diagonal reeding which is quite different from our normal handling of coins.



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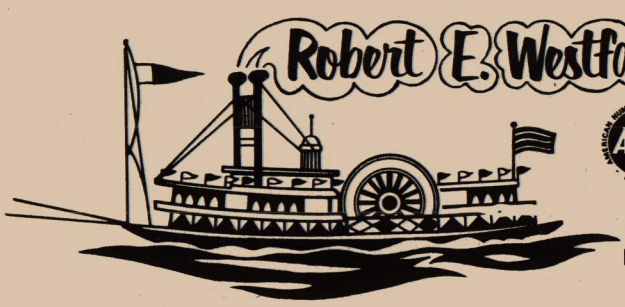
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½ Cent	F	VF	EF	Unc.
1819, 1821-B, 1826, 1833	17.30	40.43	51.90	69.00
1827, 1828, 1829, 1837	3.70	8.10	13.90	25.45
1822-B, 1824-B, 1826-B	—	—	—	—
1827-B, 1828-B	8.10	13.85	23.10	34.65
1877	5.25	9.25	13.90	18.40
1846, 1852	6.90	13.90	20.75	31.25
1855	23.10	46.20	69.30	86.25
1850-1876	3.15	5.00	6.95	11.05
1883	23.10	37.55	54.85	66.40
1886	5.75	9.25	16.30	23.10
1915, 1921, 1922	—	2.10	3.15	4.20
Cents				
1819	23.10	46.20	69.30	98.15
1821-B, 1824-B	34.65	52.00	75.05	103.95
1826-B, 1830	8.10	17.35	34.65	46.20
1821-1862, 1864	3.68	6.93	10.50	13.91
1863, 1870, 1873, 1876	1.58	2.63	3.68	6.93
1877-1892	—	—	3.68	5.75
1896, 1897	2.10	3.68	5.25	9.24
1898-1906, 1913, 1931	—	—	3.15	4.73
1924	5.75	11.55	17.33	20.21
2½ Cents				
1877-1884	1.58	3.15	4.73	8.09
1883	6.93	13.90	19.69	40.43
1886, 1890, 1898	2.63	5.75	8.09	12.60

	F	VF	EF	Unc.
1894	5.75	11.55	17.33	23.10
1903-1906, 1913, 1916	—	—	—	2.63
1912, 1914, 1919	2.10	3.15	4.20	5.75
1942 (Zinc)	231.00	462.00	866.25	1155.00
5 Cents				
1818	231.00	577.50	716.88	866.25
1819	231.00	404.25	519.75	635.25
1822	115.50	231.00	346.50	462.00
1825-1827	11.55	21.00	34.65	40.43
1827-B, 1828	25.46	46.20	92.40	110.25
1848	693.00	1155.00	1732.50	2310.00
1850-1869	1.55	3.70	4.70	6.95
1853	173.25	404.25	462.00	693.00
1868, 1887	11.55	23.10	34.65	46.20
1876, 1879	6.95	12.60	19.70	28.90
1907, 1908	2.60	3.70	4.70	6.30
1909, 1933	8.65	17.30	21.25	28.90
1913-1940	—	—	1.80	2.60
1932	2.60	4.70	6.95	9.25
10 Cents				
1818	462.00	693.00	924.00	1155.00
1819	173.25	346.50	490.50	603.75
1822	115.50	231.00	346.50	462.00
1823-B	86.50	144.35	346.50	404.25
1825-1828	11.55	25.45	36.75	52.50
1848, 1849 (C-88)	5.75	11.55	16.25	28.90
1849 (C-88) No dot after date	11.55	23.10	40.40	63.00

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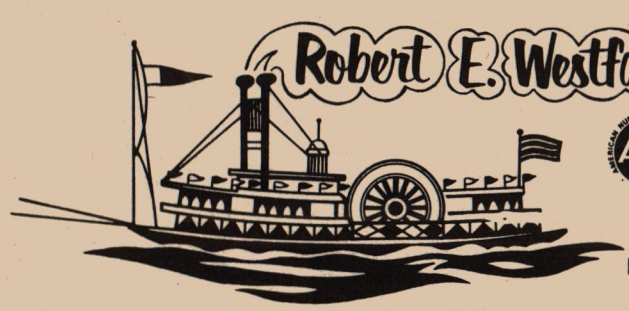
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	F	VF	EF	Unc.
1849 (Y-7), 1850, 1856, 1859, 1863, 1869-73, 1910	9.25	17.30	28.90	40.40
1853, 1874, 1945-P	17.35	45.15	69.30	115.50
1855, 1862	28.90	52.50	92.40	144.35
1868	46.20	92.40	173.25	241.50
1876, 1890, 1892, 1901	4.20	10.00	17.30	28.90
1903	2.60	4.75	11.55	17.30
1904-1905	3.70	8.65	14.45	23.10
1906, 1911-1913	2.60	6.30	11.55	17.30
1914-1925	—	2.60	3.70	5.75
1944-D (Denver)	452.00	924.00	1155.00	1443.75
25 Cents				
1817, 1818	462.00	693.00	924.00	1386.00
1819	144.35	288.75	404.25	519.75
1822	86.60	144.37	288.75	404.25
1823-D, 1825-B, 1827, 1829-B, 1830, 1830-B	17.30	28.90	40.40	52.50
1824, 1825, 1826, 1826-B	9.25	17.30	25.45	34.65
1828	40.40	69.30	144.37	196.35
1829	69.30	144.37	202.10	259.90
1848-1849 (C-89)	2.60	17.30	23.10	34.65
1849 (Y-8), 1850	80.85	144.37	202.10	259.90
1853	375.90	462.00	630.00	924.00
1887	75.00	144.37	213.70	288.75
1889, 1890	46.20	92.40	173.25	231.00

	F	VF	EF	Unc.
1892-1895	6.90	17.30	34.65	57.75
1896	5.75	39.90	69.30	98.20
1897	2.60	9.25	18.40	28.90
1898	52.50	144.37	189.00	259.90
1901-1906, 1910	4.70	13.65	25.45	40.40
1911-1925	2.10	3.65	5.75	11.55
1945-P	8.15	17.30	34.65	57.75
½ Gulden				
1818-1822	132.80	202.10	288.75	375.40
1829, 1830	80.85	144.37	231.00	288.75
1846	462.00	693.00	924.00	1155.00
1847	17.30	46.20	105.00	144.37
1848	—	17.30	40.40	52.50
1850	577.50	924.00	1155.00	1386.00
1853	173.25	346.50	462.00	577.50
1857-1858	3.65	8.65	14.40	28.90
1898, 1904	4.70	11.55	28.90	57.75
1905-1909	2.60	4.70	11.55	28.90
1910-1919	3.65	5.75	9.25	13.90
Gulden				
1944-P	11.55	23.10	34.65	46.20
1945-P	57.75	173.25	231.00	288.75
2½ Gulden				
TYPE 1848-1874	—	—	—	57.75
1940	23.10	34.65	46.20	57.75

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2 M 1896	105.00	170.00	230.00	410.00
2M 1904	100.00	150.00	210.00	275.00
3M 1909-11	18.00	25.00	42.00	100.00
3M 1914	13.00	26.00	37.00	85.00
5M 1896	340.00	530.00	800.00	1025.00
5M 1914	7.00	95.00	125.00	210.00
BADEN				
2M 1876-77	40.00	120.00	360.00	420.00
2M 1880	70.00	200.00	420.00	450.00
2M 1883	100.00	240.00	460.00	510.00
2M 1888	70.00	180.00	400.00	450.00
2M 1892-1901	25.00	40.00	75.00	105.00
2M 1902 Y-S 18	240.00	380.00	500.00	750.00
2M 1902 Y-S 22	5.00	12.00	18.00	75.00
2M 1902-05, 07, Y-S 24	6.00	15.00	30.00	55.00
2M 1906 Y-S 24	26.00	60.00	90.00	110.00
2M 1906 Y-S 26	8.00	12.00	14.00	75.00
2M 1907 Y-S 28	9.00	16.00	26.00	90.00
2M 1911	75.00	135.00	190.00	250.00
2M 1913	70.00	135.00	190.00	250.00
3M 1908-14	4.00	8.00	16.00	75.00
3M 1915	10.00	25.00	33.00	85.00
5M 1875-76	42.00	90.00	250.00	400.00
5M 1888	360.00	575.00	800.00	1000.00
5M 1891-93	22.00	55.00	105.00	200.00
5M 1894-95	12.00	46.00	95.00	160.00
5M 1898-02 Y-S 21	12.00	30.00	60.00	160.00
5M 1902 Y-S 23	40.00	65.00	90.00	150.00
5M 1902 Y-S 25	30.00	70.00	130.00	250.00
5M 1903-07 Y-S 25	25.00	50.00	80.00	200.00
5M 1906 Y-S 27	40.00	70.00	95.00	150.00
5M 1907 Y-S 29	50.00	75.00	105.00	175.00
5M 1908-13	24.00	48.00	80.00	160.00
BAVARIA				
2M 1876-77	30.00	60.00	210.00	300.00
2M 1880-83	50.00	100.00	250.00	375.00
2M 1888	100.00	160.00	300.00	425.00
2M 1891-1900, 1912	7.00	15.00	35.00	50.00
2M 1901-08	4.00	9.00	20.00	50.00
2M 1913	16.00	40.00	65.00	85.00
2M 1911 Y-S 38	6.00	10.00	14.00	50.00
2M 1914 Y-S 45	20.00	37.00	55.00	80.00
3M 1908-15	4.00	6.00	14.00	50.00
3M 1911 Y-S 39	6.00	10.00	14.00	50.00
3M 1914 Y-S 46	9.00	16.00	25.00	50.00
3M 1918 (No Phonies)	Write	Write	Write	Write
5M 1874	40.00	80.00	175.00	350.00
5M 1875-76	20.00	50.00	120.00	350.00
5M 1888	150.00	250.00	310.00	425.00
5M 1891-95	11.00	30.00	60.00	150.00
5M 1896	40.00	120.00	210.00	275.00
5M 1898-1901	8.00	20.00	40.00	120.00
5M 1906	12.00	36.00	75.00	150.00
5M 1913	8.00	20.00	40.00	110.00
5M 1911 Y-S 40	25.00	50.00	75.00	110.00
5M 1914	45.00	70.00	100.00	120.00
5M Others	8.00	14.00	34.00	100.00
BREMEN				
2M 1904	20.00	40.00	60.00	200.00
5M 1904		400.00	500.00	600.00
5M 1906	55.00	120.00	175.00	275.00
BRUNSWICK				
3M 1915 Y-S 8	420.00	550.00	750.00	950.00
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5M 1915 Y-S 9	525.00	800.00	1050.00	1700.00
5M 1915 Y-S 11	105.00	215.00	300.00	400.00
HAMBURG				
2M 1876	15.00	90.00	200.00	250.00
2M 1877-78	20.00	90.00	200.00	275.00
2M 1880-83	45.00	150.00	300.00	350.00
2M 1888	20.00	85.00	200.00	250.00
2M 1892-98, 1912	10.00	30.00	80.00	110.00
2M 1899-1905	7.00	20.00	35.00	70.00
2M 1906-14	6.00	18.00	35.00	70.00
3M 1908-14	5.00	10.00	20.00	80.00
5M 1875-76	18.00	80.00	200.00	300.00
5M 1888	40.00	140.00	300.00	350.00
5M 1891-95	10.00	25.00	60.00	200.00
5M 1896	80.00	160.00	275.00	350.00
5M 1898-1902	10.00	20.00	42.00	170.00
5M 1903-13	8.00	17.00	30.00	160.00
HESSE				
2M 1876-77	80.00	240.00	600.00	950.00
2M 1888	300.00	550.00	750.00	1000.00
2M 1891	240.00	375.00	550.00	800.00
2M 1895, 1899	100.00	150.00	250.00	650.00
2M 1896, 1900	160.00	240.00	360.00	650.00
2M 1898	110.00	180.00	320.00	500.00
2M 1904	12.00	24.00	36.00	60.00
3M 1910	20.00	36.00	55.00	—
3M 1917	—	900.00	1300.00	1775.00
5M 1875-76	35.00	200.00	350.00	550.00
5M 1888	550.00	850.00	1200.00	1400.00
5M 1891	250.00	500.00	850.00	1200.00
5M 1895-98	60.00	110.00	210.00	600.00
5M 1899	100.00	210.00	325.00	700.00
5M 1900	80.00	150.00	225.00	650.00
5M 1904	50.00	75.00	120.00	175.00

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LIPPE-DETMOLD				
2M 1906	60.00	100.00	180.00	250.00
3M 1913	90.00	140.00	180.00	250.00
LUBECK				
2M 1901	60.00	100.00	180.00	225.00
2M 1904-12	28.00	55.00	90.00	180.00
3M 1908-13	20.00	40.00	55.00	120.00
3M 1914	30.00	50.00	70.00	130.00
5M 1904-13	100.00	160.00	250.00	360.00
MECKLENBURG-SCHWERIN				
2M 1876	85.00	200.00	450.00	550.00
2M 1901	100.00	160.00	220.00	350.00
2M 1904	16.00	30.00	44.00	70.00
3M 1915	40.00	70.00	100.00	250.00
5M 1904	40.00	80.00	120.00	250.00
5M 1915	150.00	250.00	325.00	405.00
MECKLENBURG-STRELITZ				
2M 1877	150.00	300.00	550.00	675.00
2M 1905	140.00	200.00	260.00	375.00
3M 1913	120.00	180.00	275.00	460.00
OLDENBURG				
2M 1891	80.00	130.00	220.00	275.00
2M 1900-01	80.00	130.00	200.00	275.00
5M 1900-01	180.00	350.00	550.00	950.00
PRUSSIA				
2M 1876-77	10.00	60.00	175.00	250.00
2M 1879	120.00	260.00	400.00	550.00
2M 1880	16.00	70.00	210.00	300.00
2M 1883-84	45.00	120.00	260.00	350.00
2M 1888 Y-S 37	8.00	16.00	26.00	110.00
2M 1888 Y-S 41	90.00	180.00	250.00	350.00
2M 1891-98	5.00	9.00	25.00	75.00
2M 1901 Y-S 43	40.00	70.00	120.00	160.00
2M 1899-1912 Y-S 43	4.00	6.00	15.00	60.00
2M 1901 Y-S 46	3.00	4.00	8.00	40.00
2M 1913 Y-S 50 or 52	3.00	4.00	8.00	40.00
3M 1908-1912	3.00	4.00	8.00	65.00
3M 1910 Y-S 48	17.00	35.00	46.00	110.00
3M 1911 Y-S 49	10.00	20.00	30.00	60.00
3M 1913 Y-S 51 or 53	2.00	4.00	8.00	45.00
3M 1914	5.00	8.00	12.00	60.00
3M 1915 Y-S 56	60.00	120.00	180.00	325.00
5M 1874-76	12.00	75.00	200.00	300.00
5M 1888 Y-S 38	25.00	50.00	82.00	170.00
5M 1888 Y-S 42	160.00	300.00	375.00	475.00
5M 1891-93	10.00	30.00	60.00	160.00
5M 1894-5, 1906	10.00	25.00	50.00	150.00
5M 1896	52.00	90.00	160.00	225.00
5M 1901 Y-S 47	14	28	40	100
5M 1913-14	6.00	12.00	20.00	110.00
5M Others	6.00	12.00	30.00	110.00
REUSS-GREIZ				
2M 1877	140.00	300.00	560.00	700.00
2M 1892	120.00	220.00	375.00	500.00
2M 1899-1901	80.00	140.00	200.00	280.00
3M 1909	110.00	180.00	250.00	310.00
2M 1884	110.00	230.00	375.00	460.00
SAXONY				
2M 1876-77	20.00	65.00	220.00	300.00
2M 1879	80.00	210.00	420.00	600.00
2M 1880-83	60.00	175.00	300.00	410.00
2M 1888	32.00	125.00	235.00	360.00
2M 1891-98	20.00	40.00	70.00	110.00
2M 1899-1902 Y-S 30	14.00	32.00	56.00	100.00
2M 1902 Y-S 33	10.00	20.00	30.00	60.00
2M 1903-04 Y-S 40	15.00	35.00	80.00	90.00

	VF+	EF-AU	BU	PROOF
2M 1904 Y-S 43	10.00	20.00	30.00	60.00
2M 1905-14	11.00	20.00	40.00	90.00
2M 1909	13.00	26.00	35.00	70.00
3M 1908-13	3.00	7.00	11.00	82.00
3M 1913 Y-S 53	3.00	8.00	14.00	65.00
3M 1917	Write	Write	Write	Write
5M 1875-76	17.00	77.00	190.00	350.00
5M 1889	30.00	120.00	250.00	400.00
5M 1891-98 Y-S 31	15.00	35.00	70.00	150.00
5M 1898-1902 Y-S 31	10.00	30.00	60.00	150.00
5M 1902 Y-S 34	30.00	50.00	85.00	150.00
5M 1903, 04 Y-S 41	20.00	40.00	100.00	165.00
5M 1904 Y-S 44	45.00	80.00	110.00	200.00
5M 1907-14 Y-S 49	10.00	28.00	45.00	110.00
5M 1909	40.00	70.00	105.00	200.00
SAXE-ALTENBURG				
2M 1901	100.00	155.00	270.00	640.00
5M 1901	180.00	260.00	400.00	800.00
5M 1903	60.00	110.00	160.00	260.00
SAXE-COBURG-GOTHA				
2M 1895	150.00	250.00	375.00	510.00
2M 1905	110.00	220.00	400.00	550.00
2M 1911	1600.00	1900.00	2500.00	2800.00
5M 1895	600.00	800.00	1150.00	1500.00
5M 1907	300.00	400.00	560.00	1000.00
SAXE-MEINIGEN				
2M 1901	100.00	140.00	200.00	260.00
2M 1902	60.00	120.00	180.00	230.00
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2M 1915	40.00	60.00	80.00	100.00
3M 1908-13	30.00	55.00	75.00	100.00
3M 1915	45.00	60.00	95.00	110.00
5M 1901	100.00	150.00	235.00	315.00
5M 1902-08	45.00	95.00	135.00	160.00
SAXE-WEIMAR				
2M 1892-98	60.00	95.00	150.00	230.00
2M 1901	100.00	140.00	210.00	315.00
2M 1903, 1908	20.00	36.00	55.00	90.00
5M 1903, 1908	30.00	75.00	100.00	110.00
SCHAUMBURG-HIPPE				
2M 1898-1904	150.00	215.00	300.00	410.00
3M 1911	30.00	45.00	70.00	100.00
5M 1898-1904	320.00	550.00	700.00	1100.00
SCHWARZBURG				
2M 1894	90.00	140.00	210.00	320.00
2M 1896	100.00	180.00	250.00	350.00
2M 1905	18.00	30.00	40.00	70.00
3M 1909	25.00	50.00	65.00	100.00
WALDECK-PYRMONT				
5M 1903	—	700.00	950.00	1300.00
WURTTEMBERG				
2M 1876-77	25.00	90.00	200.00	275.00
2M 1880, 1888	40.00	100.00	180.00	275.00
2M 1883	50.00	115.00	280.00	400.00
2M 1892-93	15.00	30.00	60.00	90.00
2M 1899-1914	7.00	14.00	25.00	70.00
3M 1908-14	4.00	6.00	11.00	60.00
3M 1911 Y-S 24	6.00	12.00	20.00	60.00
5M 1874	20.00	100.00	250.00	350.00
5M 1875-76	17.00	100.00	210.00	350.00
5M 1888	40.00	160.00	300.00	500.00
5M 1892-93	20.00	45.00	90.00	180.00
5M 1894	150.00	300.00	500.00	830.00
5M 1895-99	8.00	20.00	55.00	130.00
5M 1906	16.00	32.00	65.00	180.00
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THE change in status of the Seychelles from British Crown Colony to independent Republic at midnight on 28th June, 1976, will be marked for all time by the new nation's first coinage.

Legal tender coins in existing denominations from 1 cent to 10 rupees, as well as a legal tender 1,000 rupee gold piece, feature a common obverse design by Michael Rizzello, President of the Royal Society of British Sculptors, depicting the Republic's first President and former Prime Minister, His Excellency Mr. James R. Mancham. The nine different reverse designs by Suzanne Danielli, and modelled by Michael Rizzello, are based on indigenous flora, fauna and marine life of the islands. All include the word 'Independence' and the year of issue.

Limited edition Proof Sets and individual coins

Having regard to the historic importance of the issue, the Government of Seychelles has authorised the minting of a strictly limited edition of Proof Sets of these new coins, struck from polished dies, as well as limited editions of proof or uncirculated versions of the two largest denominated individual pieces.

Specimens of the first year of issue of a country's coinage at Independence are, of course, highly prized by collectors. Where the minting of proof and uncirculated coins has been severely restricted, the rarity of such specimens is assured and, historically, their value tends to increase significantly with the passage of time.

The opportunity to acquire flawless specimens of the very first coinage of the Republic of Seychelles is afforded exclusively by Spink of St. James's, who have been appointed to handle the issue worldwide.

Beautiful coins inspired by natural beauty

The Seychelles archipelago consists of 92 tropical islands, mainly coral but 37 of them, surprisingly, are granitic, widely scattered over the Indian Ocean. The largest and the most densely populated, Mahe, lies 1,000 miles off the African mainland and 2,000 miles from Bombay.

Uninhabited until some 200 years ago, the region has great natural beauty, and its plant, bird, fish and animal life makes it a naturalist's paradise. The extent of this wildlife is reflected in delicately sculptured detail on the historic first coinage of what is likely to be the only British Crown Territory to become independent in 1976, the bi-centenary year of American Independence.

The 1,000 rupee coin shows the giant land tortoise which lives in profusion on Aldabra, the largest coral atoll in the world. The 10 rupee coin, although 4 mm smaller than its immediate predecessor, still features the aquatic green turtle; the 5 rupee coin portrays the celebrated coco-de-mer palm; and the 1 rupee coin depicts a Triton, a local marine snail, devouring a Crown of Thorns starfish.

The wild vanilla orchid which is endemic to the Islands decorates the 50 cents coin and a black parrot, another species unique to the islands, appears on the 25 cents coin. The 10, 5 and 1 cent coins all feature fish; the Sailfish, Bourgeois (red snapper) and Boueteur respectively. They form a distinctive and outstandingly beautiful coin of the realm series.

The 1,000 rupee coin, with a face value equivalent to $135, is the only gold piece. The 10, 5 and 1 rupee coins as well as the 50 and 25 cents pieces, are in cupro-nickel but, additionally, 10 rupees proof coins will be struck in ·925 sterling silver for this first year's issue. The 10 cents coin is in brass; the 5 and 1 cent coins in aluminium. The entire issue will be struck in Great Britain by the Birmingham Mint, which is the oldest established private mint in the world. Known previously as the Heaton Mint of Birmingham, it has produced many of the outstanding coins in the British Commonwealth Series over the last 100 years.

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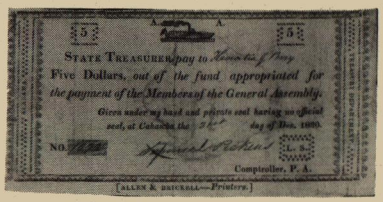
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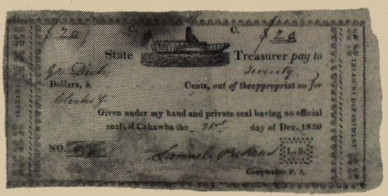
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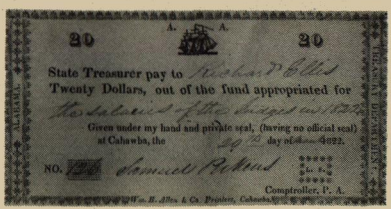
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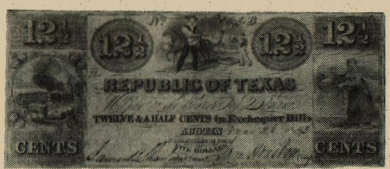


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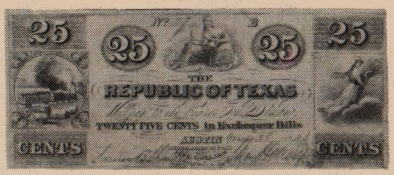


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1882-0



Mintage: 6,090,000 **MS Rarity: 1**

BU Retail: $9.00 **P-L Rarity: 2**

The typical 1882-0 is rather softly struck, especially on the reverse. This date is very common in lightly circulated condition, and many such pieces are sold as BU coins. Fully struck pieces are available, and worth a modest premium.

Many 1882-O dollars, usually from original rolls, exhibit a distinctive light reddish-yellow toning. Although attractive, the luster on such pieces is somewhat subdued. Brilliant specimens are available with good strike and minimum bagmarks.

One of the more significant varieties occurred in this year, the 1882-0/S over-mintmark dollar. Probably because of pressure to produce as many coins as possible, a number of dies (Van Allen-Mallis list four) which had already been punched with the "S" mint mark were repunched with an "O" mint mark and shipped to New Orleans for striking. The curve of the "S" is easily visible inside the "O".

All 1882-O/S dollars evidence a rather "fuzzy" appearance, even though the strike is adequate. Under high-power (30X) magnification, it is observed that all the raised surfaces of the coin are covered with tiny blobs of metal. Van Allen-Mallis attribute this to rusted dies.

A number of other over-mintmark dollars were also produced in 1882. These were caused by repositioning the "O" mint mark punch after one indentation had already been made in the die. Most such varieties seem minor, although the 1882-O/O VAM 7 is easily visible to the naked eye.

Frequency in Prooflike:

The 1882-O is not rare in prooflike condition. Most specimens are cameos, with frosty devices. The over-mintmark 1882-O/S is extremely rare in prooflike.

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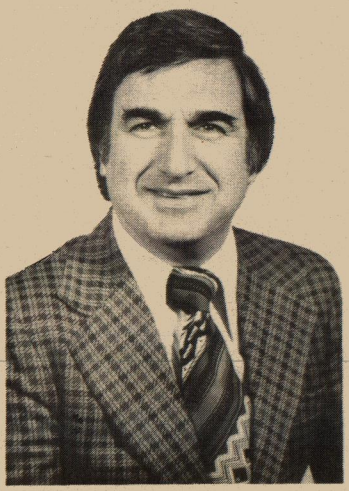
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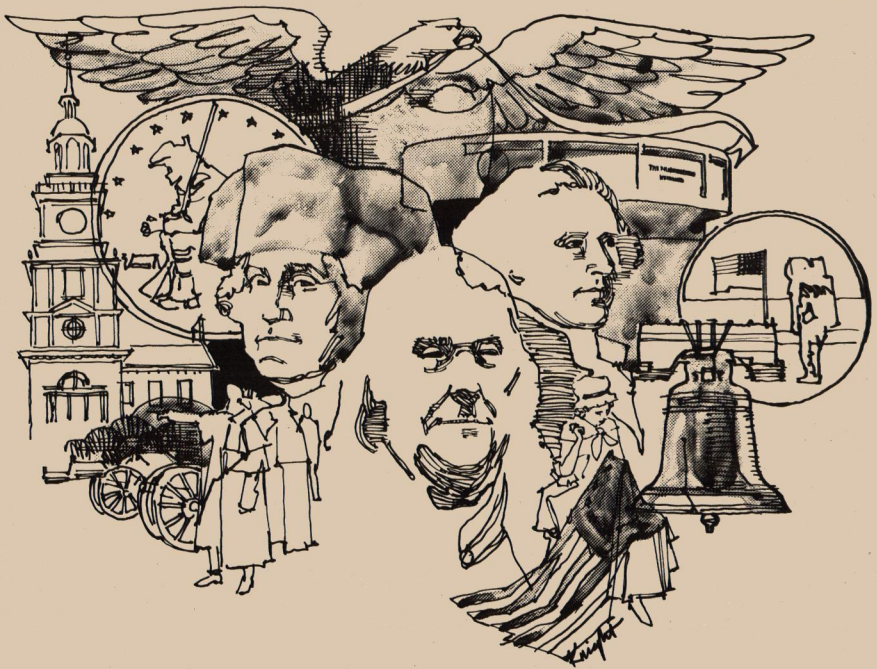
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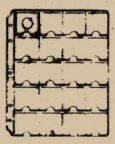
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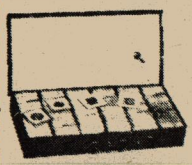
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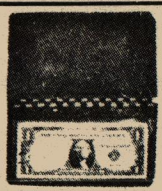
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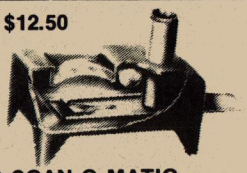
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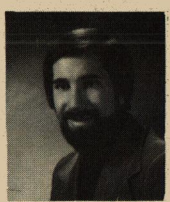
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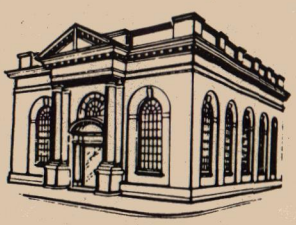
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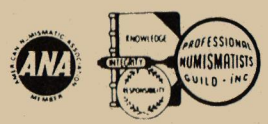
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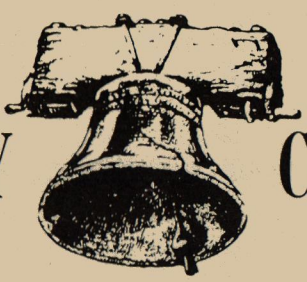
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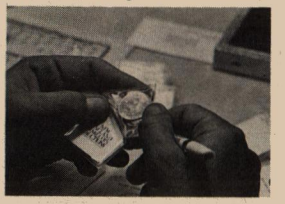
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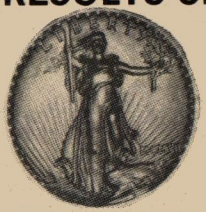
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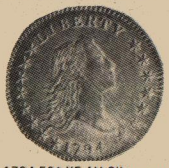
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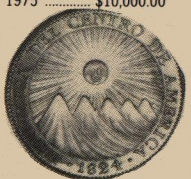
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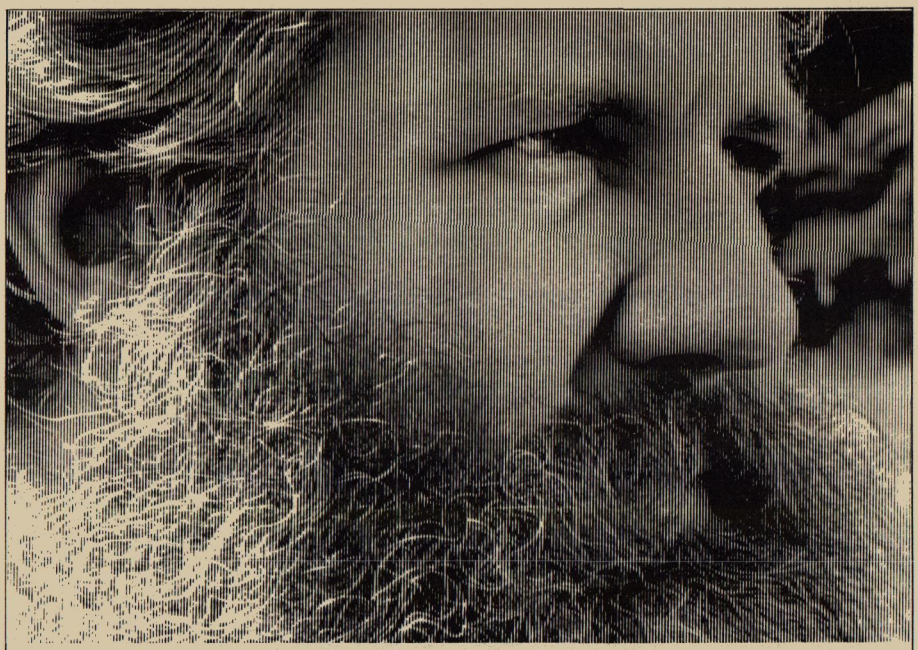
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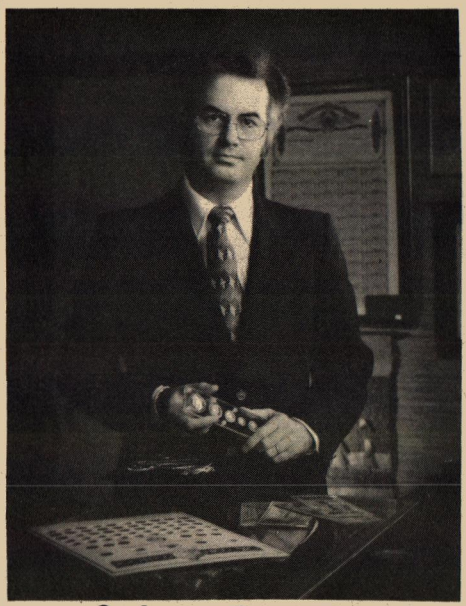
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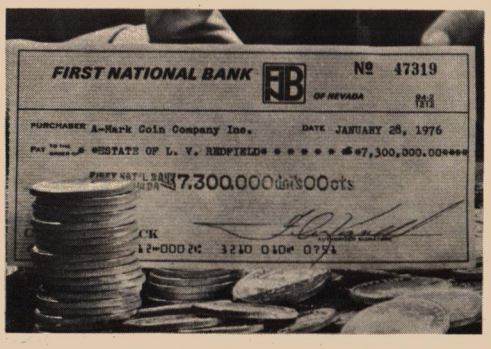
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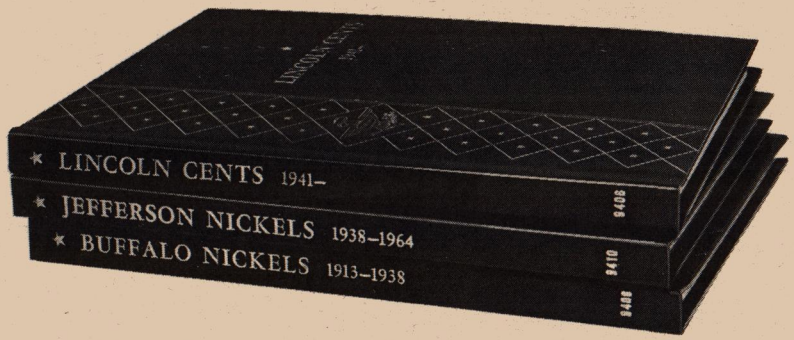
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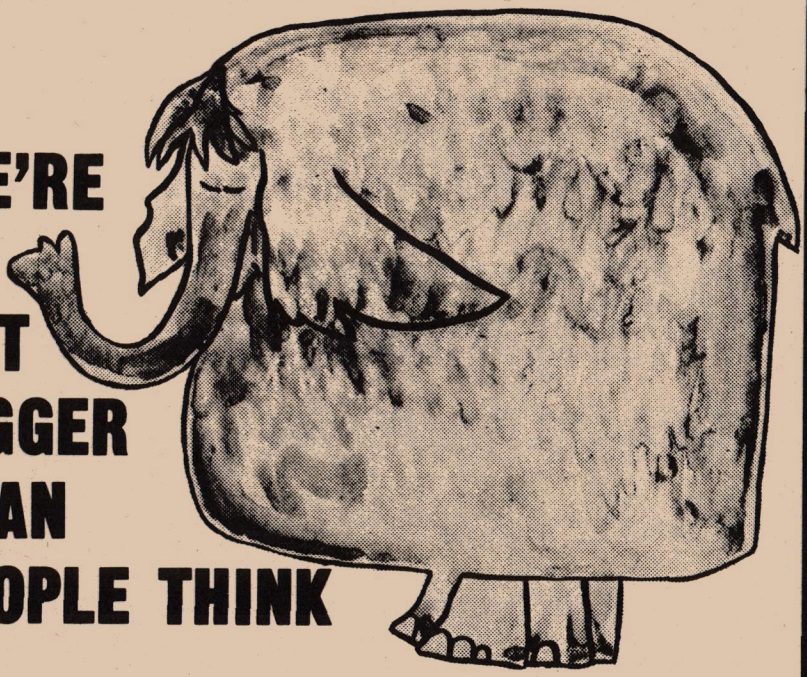
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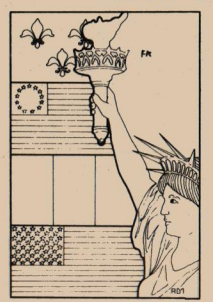
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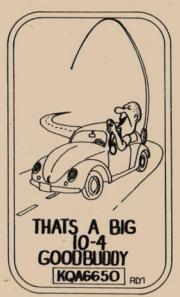
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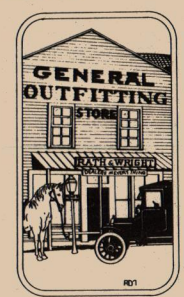
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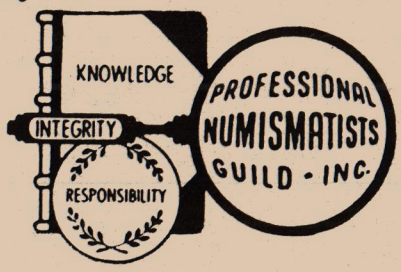
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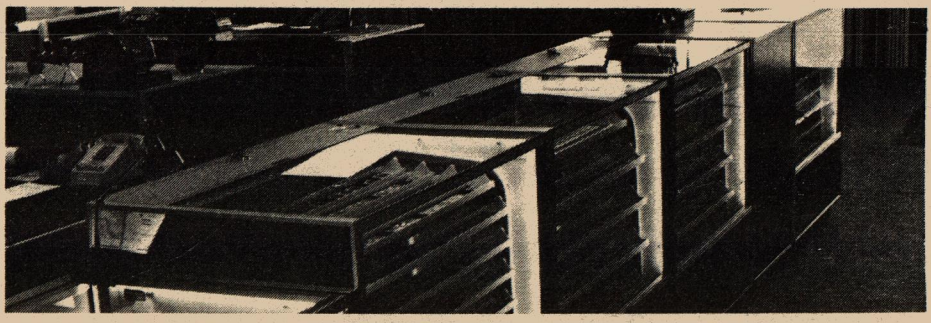
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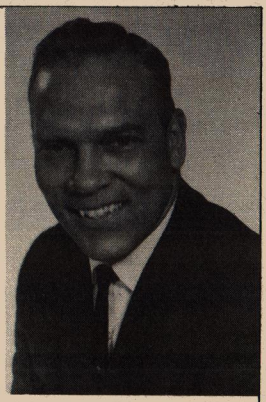
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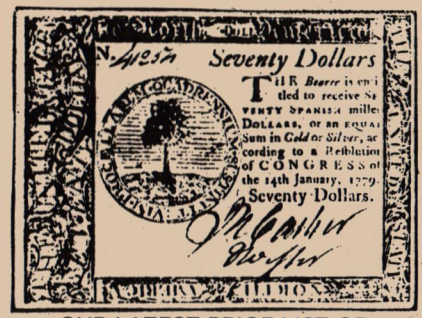


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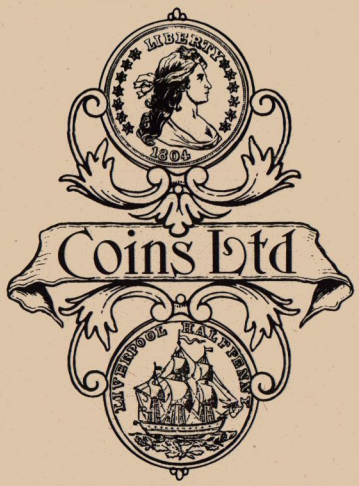
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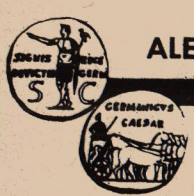
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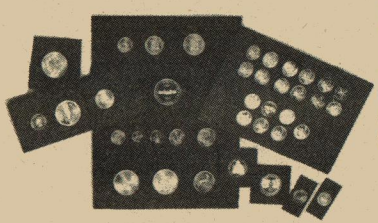
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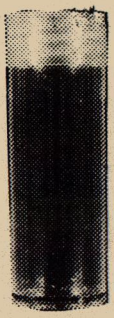
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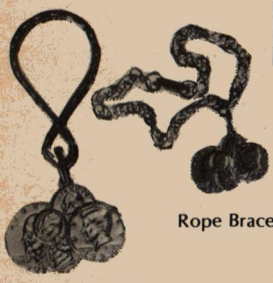


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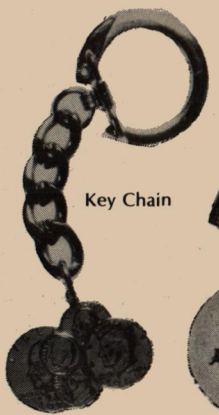
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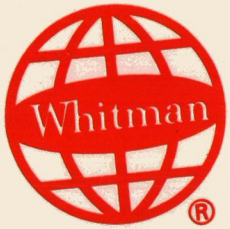
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